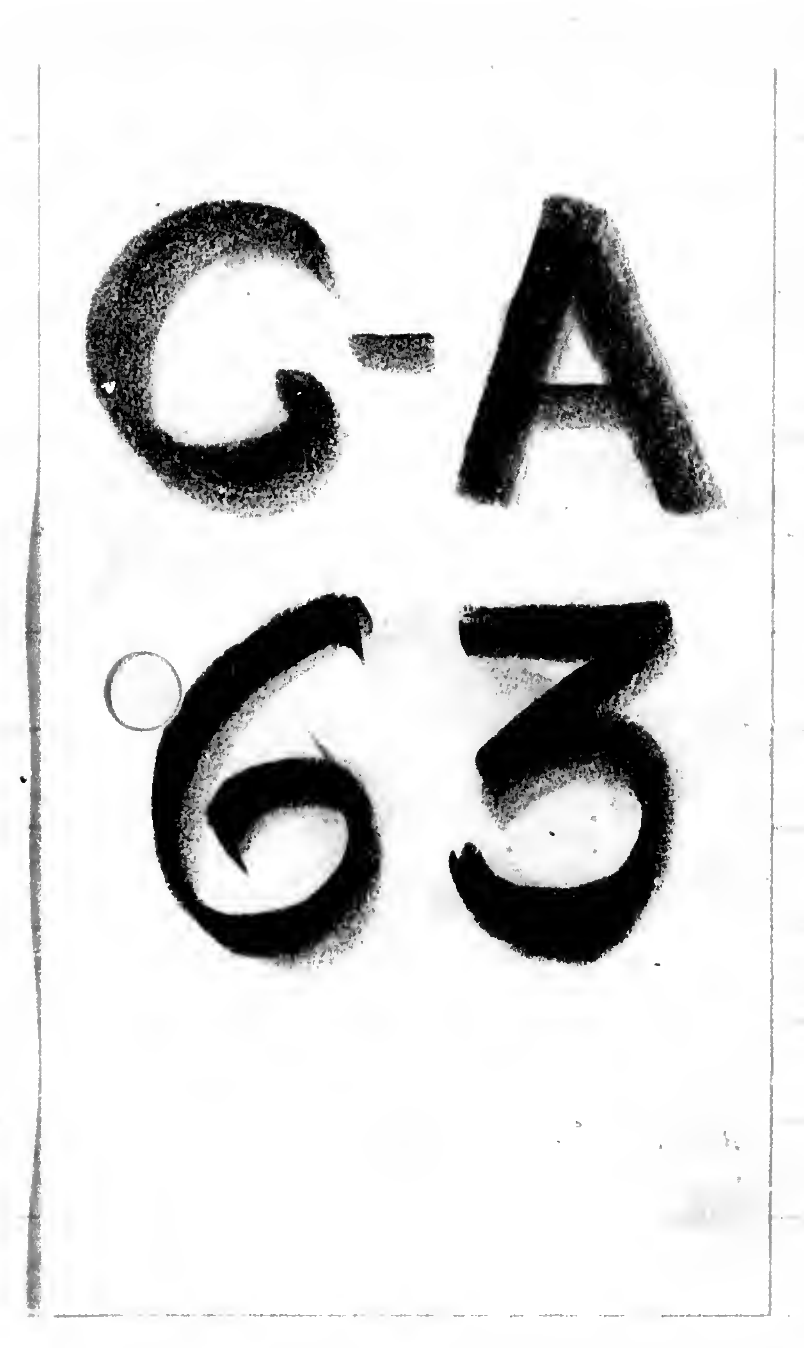

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+ 1839 Mzo 20 San Juan Bautista.

José T. Castro, Prefecto del 1er distrito.

Informa al Gobr Juan Bta Alvarado sobre la peticion hecha en 12 Nov. 1837 por Manl Larios, pidiendo se le diese posesion de la Cañada de los Pinacates, fundándose en que José Cruz y José Ma Cossio, á quienes el Gobo la habia concedido en virtud de la ley de coloniza, se habian marchado al interior de la Repa abandonándola sin cultivo ni fomento alguno.

El informe es favorable á que se adjudique el terreno á Larios, "con la condicion de que á los vecinos de este pueblo no se quite el uso de sus aguas y maderas."

+ 1841. San Juan de Castro (ántes Sn Juan Bauta)

Feb. 18. Hoy se dió á Cruz Cervántes posesion del terreno San Joaqn (a) Rosa Morada" con todas las formalidades - devolviéndole el espedte.

Feb. 19 Hoy se dió á Franco Pacheco posesion del terreno "Bolsa de San Felipe", el que se le concedió en título de 14 Oct. 1840 - se le devolvió el espedte

+ 1842 Enº 16. San Juan de Castro.
Manuel Castañares, Secretario de la prefectura del 1.er distrito desde principios del año anterior de 1841.

+ 1842 Set. 22. Monterey
José Mª Castañares, Secret.º int.º de la prefectura del 1.er distrito desde 4 de Feb.º

+ 1839 Mzo 16 Pueblo de San Cárlos
Marcelino Escobar, Juez interino

+ 1843 Enº 4 Méx.
A. Bátres y T. de la Vega, por la Tesorería Gral. de Méx. al Tesorero Departam.l de Cal.ª - sobre bienes de exclaustrados.

Avisan que los bienes de temporalidades de religiosos, ménos los dedicados á objetos de benefic.ª y caridad, se han puesto á cargo de la Tesorería Gen. Le piden una noticia circunstanciada del estado

que guardan dtros bienes en esta Cal., especificando valios y arrendamtos de las fincas; y otras noticias generales sobre el particular.

+ 1845 Set. 12 Mont.
Marcelino Escobar, alcalde 1o Constitucional y Juez de 1a instª.

Investigon judicial sobre el modo de la muerte de José Antº Rodriguez, Franco Mesa y Franco Gonzalez; de la que resultó que se habian ahogado al tiempo de sacar efectos del buque perdido "Estrella de Occidente" de Mr John Parrott, por haberlos arrebatado las olas.

+ 1839. Mzo 6. San Luis Rey.
Pio Pico, Admor. al Gobr. del Depto.

Adjunta lista de créditos pasivos de la ex-misión segn la entrega qe le hizo el Comisionado Pablo de la Portilla - pa conoco de la Junta Departaml

\+ 1839 Mzo 20. San Juan de Castro.
José Castro, Prefecto del 1er distrito

Mark West y John Cooper le pidieron concesion del parage llamado "Huerta del Rey" - pasó á informe del Alcalde 1º de Mont. Simeon Castro, quien en 23 del mismo mes informó que el terreno habia sido pedido anticipadamte por otro.

\+ 1837 Mzo 15 Sta Bárba
Gobr Alvarado. Carta de naturaleza

Concedida al natural de Tennessee, George Nidever, despues de practicadas las diligencias pa probar su buena conducta y moralidad, ante el Alcalde Constitucionl Diego Olivera, y Regidor del ilustre Ayuntº Santiago Lugo.

\+ 1846 Enº 13 Mont.

Manl Diaz, alcalde 1º Constitucl y Juez de 1a Insta

+ 1840. Julio 29

Fran.co C. Arce, Secret.o de la prefect.a del 1.er distrito.
David Spence, Alcalde 1.o de Mont.

+ 1839 Oct. 14. San Fran.co
Fran.co Guerrero, Juez de Paz.

+ 1835 Ag.to 22. S.n Luis Rey
Pio Pico, Admor - al Gefe Polit.o José Figueroa

Le trascribe un of.o que recibió del mismo Gefe Polit.o fha 29 mayo, que dice: "Supuesto que los hijos del pueblo de las Flores se conforman con no recibir ausilios p.a su manutencion con tal de quedar relevados de los trabajos de la comunidad y entera libertad p.a buscar su subsist.a, puede V. acceder á su solicitud, luego que el Comisionado les haya repartido los bienes que tengo ordenados."

+ 1845 Julio 10 Méx.

Cuevas, Ministro de Relaciones &a - al Gob.r de Cal. Sobre Jn.o A. Sutter.

Le previene informe que si Sutter "que actualm.te ocupa el presidio de Ros y la Bodega, en calidad de poblador, aún no lo paga", en qué estado está el negocio. (al márgen dice que fué contestado el 20 Oct. 1845)

+ 1847 July 23. Santa Clara.

W.m Blackburn, alcalde, successor to J. L. Majör.

+ 1847 Augt. 8. Sonoma.

Lilburn Boggs, alcalde & magistrate.

Complains that J. H. Nash has not given up all records &c.

+ 1847 Augt 12 San José

John Burton, Alcalde.

+ 1847 July 5. San Franco.
George Hyde, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Jany. 13 Mont.
W. R. Langley, 2d. Alcalde.

1848 Jany 13. San José
Jas. W. Weekes, Alcalde.
Robt. L. Ridley, Subaltern Alcalde.

+ 1848 Jany 27. San Rafl.
Timothy Murphy, Alcalde.

+ 1848 March 10. San Franco.

Members of town council + citizens petition Gov. Mason to remove George + Dr Leavenworth Hyde from office of Alcalde & to appoint Dr John Townsend & John C. Buchanan.

March 18. E. P. Jones & W. A. Leidesdorff, two members of the town council askd for the removal of Geo. Hyde from office of Alcalde on charges preferred agt. him — Hyde on the 11th had applied for leave, speaking of secret proceedings agt. him.

1848 Apl. 28 Sta Cruz — 28 citizens petition

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Gov.r for removal of Alcalde Wm Blackburn.

+ 1848 April 29 San Jose
Charles White, Alcalde -
Elam Brown, do in Contra Costa

+ 1848 May 1. Los Angeles
Stephen C. Foster, Alcalde 1.o

1848 July 25 S.n Fran.co
Thad. M. Leavenworth, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Dec. 18. San José
H. Dimmick, Alcalde &c.

+ 1848 Feb. 15 Sacramento
John Sinclair, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Feb. 19. San José
Charles White, 2.d Alcalde.

+ 1848 March 4 San José
Ch.s White, Alcalde - Threaten.d sedition.

Reports to Gov. Mason the organiz.n of a party, of whom
Beverley is one, in the Redwoods, who threaten

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to attack the prison of Monterey & establish an independent Govt.

+ 1848 March 24 Sta Bárba
Pedro C. Carrillo, Alcalde.

+ 1848 April 3d Sta Bárba
Pablo de la Guerra, acting Alcalde.

+ 1848 Apl. 29. Sta Cruz

A petition signd. by 134 persons sent to Govr. to Keep Mr Blackburn as alcalde.

+ 1848 May 15 San Buenava
Franco Ortega, Alcalde.

+ 1848 July 16. San José
Chas. White, 1st Alcalde _ to Gov Mason

Resigns his office, & makes offl. complaint of an assault made on him when acting in his official

capacity by one Pacheco.

On 22d he reported Wm Byrne doing duty as Alcalde in his absence.

+ 1848 July 28 Sta Bárba

Francis T. Lippitt, Capt of 1st N. Y. Regt. Commanding at Sta Bárba.

Reports there are no civil magistrates in Sta Bárba

+ 1848 March 20 San Franco

W. S. Clark, member of town council.

+ 1848 May 5. Los Angeles

Col. J. D. Stevenson, Commandt.

+ 1848 Sept. 10 San José

Chas White, Alcalde — to Govr

Reports that Mr Byrne will not act as Alcalde. White gave pub. notice for election of 1st Alcalde & no one attended. Is willing to serve as such if sustain. by a military force.

+ 1848 Sept. 27 San Diego.

Juan Bandini, 1st Alcalde declines to continue serving.

+ 1848 Oct. 9 S. Diego.
Juan Ma. Moreno. Alcalde.

+ 1848 Oct. 31 Mont.
Florencio Serrano, 1st Alcalde.

+ 1848 Dec. 29 San José.
H. Dimmick, Alcalde. (elected 12 Dec.)

+ 1849 Jan. 19 San Juan Bauta.

Citizens petition the Govr. for a local alcalde—also for powder & lead to punish Indn. horse thieves.

+ 1849 Apl. 28 Sta Bárba.
Raimdo. Carrillo, Alcalde

Complains ~~that~~ his district is without funds or a prison & asks for a salary.

+ 1849 May 15 San Luis Obispo
Miguel Avila, 1st Alcalde.

+ 1849 July 4 Santa Bárbª
Ayuntamᵗᵒ to Govʳ

Requests that the appointmᵗ of Danˡ. Hill as 1ˢᵗ Regidor be approvᵈ. - Hill had refused to act under plea of want of capacity, when he had already fillᵈ. positions of greater responsibility.

Also to appᵛ. the appointmᵗ. of Antᵒ. Mª. de la Guerra as Secretary of said Ayuntᵒ. with salary of 30$ pr month.

Is aware that Govᵗ. has orderᵈ. the amᵗ. of 500$ to be pᵈ. over towards expense of erecting a jail in Sta Bárbª - but makes known there are no funds to begin the work, which will have to be done from the fundᵒˢ. - asks further orders.

+ 1849 Augt 10 Mont
R. Sanchez, síndico.

+ 1849 Augt. 20 San José
Antᵒ. Mª. Pico, Prefect.

+ 1849 Augt 29 Sta Bárbª
Octaviano Gutierrez, actg Consul

+ 1849 Augt 29 Mont.
Ygnº. Esquer, Alcalde. from April 20, vice F. Serrano.

+ 1849 Sept 11. Sonora Camp
E. T. Dummett, Alcalde.

+ 1849 Sept 15. San José
Félix Buelna, Sub-Prefecto.

+ 1849 Sept 16. Sta Bárba.
Joaqn. Carrillo, Prefecto.

+ 1849 Sept 21 Sta Bárba.
Raimundo Carrillo, Juez de 1a Insta.

+ 1849 Sept. 25 Mont.
Wm. E. Shannon, Juez de 1a insta.

+ 1849 Oct. 26 Mont.
David Spence, Juez de 1a insta.

+ 1849 Nov. 9. San Franco.
Horace, Hawes, Prefecto.

+ 1849 Nov. 23, Stockton
Geo. G. Belt, 1st Alcalde.

+ 1849 March 2 San Luis Obispo
T. M. Price, Alcalde.

+ 1849 June 15 Sta Cruz
T. L. Majors, Alcalde.

+ 1849 Oct. 15 Mont.
Lewis Dent, Judge of Supr. Tribunal.

+ 1849 Oct. 18 San José
P. H. Burnett, Juez.

+ 1849 Oct. 24 Sonoma
Chas. P. Wilkins, Prefecto.

+ 1849 Nov. 17 Mont.
David Spence, Prefecto.

+ 1847 March 3d
Gov. to Bryant, alcalde at Yerba buena

Told to inform the citizens that no Legislative Council is to convene.

+ 1847 Oct. 5. San Diego
R. Cliff, Alcalde.

+ 1847 Dec. 11. Sta Barba
Pablo de la Guerra, Alcalde. to Govr

Objects to the whisky proclamation of Nov. 29.

+ 1847 Dec. 26 San Diego
D. C. Davis, Capt. of Mormon Volunteers, Commandt

+ 1847 Augt 29 Sn Franco
J. F. Reed, Sheriff.

+ 1847 Sept 15. Mont
W. Colton, Alcalde.

+ 1847 Apl 25 San Leandro
Joaqn Estudillo, Alcalde of Eastern part of Sn Franco Bay

+ 1847 March 17 Sonoma
John H. Nash, Alcalde

+ 1849 April 20 Sacramento District.
John A. Sutter, Sub-Indn Agent.

+ 1848 Feb. 15 Sacramento
John Sinclair, Alcalde

+ 1848 Dec. 17. San Luis Obispo
S. D. Hunter, Indn. agent.

+ 1847 July 31 Sta Bárba.
Father Gonzalez – to Govr. –

Asking that the Civil Magistrates & others be forbidden from uniting Catholics in marriage contrary to laws of the Church.

+ 1847 Oct. 30 Sonoma.
Mariano G. Vallejo, Sub-Indn. Agent.

+ 1847 April 18 Mont.
Cesáreo Lataillade, Vice Cónsul of Spain

Asks permission of the Govr. to exercise his functions in Sta Bárba.

+ 1847 Apl. 29 Mont.
Capt Mariano Silva, of artillery –

Was taken prisoner of war by U.S. forces on 7th July 1846 – asks permission to go to Mex.

+ 1848 Feb. 2. San Luis Obispo

Govr. advisd. that Gen. José Castro will be soon in Monterey—

On the 9th he was informd. from Buena vista that said Castro was on his way to report himself in Monterey.

+ 1848 Feb. 5. Mont.

Gabl. de la Torre gave bonds in 5000$ to keep the peace.

+ 1848 Ap. 4. Los Angeles
Col. J. D. Stevenson — to Govr.

Reporting arrest of Lieut Canfield & Barrus of Mormon Compy. for circulating counterfeit coin.

+ 1847 June 23 Sonoma
Alcalde Nash — to Govr. Mason.

refused to obey Govr's Orders to give up the records of his office &c—

+ 1847 June 20 Mont.
Walter Colton, Magistrate - to Gov.

Reports that Mr Thompson, 2d Alcalde - Sta Cruz - desires to resign his office & leave the place.

+ 1847 March 15 Sn Franco
Edwin Bryant, Alcalde.

+ 1847 Apl. 15 San Luis Obispo
José Mariano Bonilla, Alcalde

+ 1844 Enl. 16 Mont.
Juan Malarin, Presidte del Trib. Supr del Depto de Cal.
José Mariano Bonilla, Secretario de id.
Juan Bta Alvarado, Gobr del Depto
Manl Jimeno Casarin, Secreto de Gobo
José de Amesti - Juez de 1a instea Mont.

+ 1844 Feb. 26. Mont.
Florencio Serrano, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Augt. 5 Sn. Franco.

R. M. Sherman, Dickson & Hay, W. D. M. Howard, C. V. Gillespie, A. A. Brinsmade, C. L. Ross, James C. Ward, Ward & Smith by Jas. C. Ward, Wm. H. Davis,

petition Govr. R. B. Mason to appoint Jacob D. Hoppe, as first Alcalde of their district. Hoppe having been a magistrate in Missouri, & read law with a practising attorney in said state - an intelligent man & believd. to be honest & competent.

+ 1848 Augt 7. Sn. Franco.

W. D. M. Howard, Administr. on estate of W. A. Leidesdorff. to T. W. Leavenworth, 2d Alcalde for Dist. of S. Fco.

Will deliver him the docs. relating to the estate as soon as all inventories & valuations can be made ready - in obedc. to Gov. Mason's orders, tho' he believes that he, Leavenworth as a creditor of the estate, is disqualified from taking any active part relative to the affairs of the estate.

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+ 1848 Dec. 21 San Francisco.
Alexr. Perry – to Govr. Mason – Mont. – Necessity of a Port Physician in San Francisco.

During last 2 months several contagious diseases have been introduced by vessels from abroad – some of these diseases are prevalent & in many instances have provd. fatal.

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+ 1848. May 25 San Juan Bta
Alcalde José Ma. Sanchez.

Complains that Father José Antº Anzar refuses to allow him to use for a court room the room hitherto occupied for the purpose, altho he has 4 or 5 others.

Accompanies the Father's written answer denying the Alcalde's right to use the room without his consent - and that he needs it.

+ 1848 May 18. Sn Franco.
Capt. J. L. Folsom, Quartermaster - to Lieut. Wm. T. Sherman, Actg Asst. Adjut Gen - Death of Wm. A. Leidesdorff.

Announces death of Leidesdorff at 1 A. M. of this date in ~~San~~ Franco., & measures steps taken for the protection of his large interests.

+ 1848 Sept. 8th Sta Bárba
Capt Francis J. Lippit, Commandg post - to Lieut. Henry W. Halleck, Sec. of State of Cal. - Release of a convict.

Reports that

Foxon, the convict, has been released by him, there being no civil authority here, and no place to keep the prisoner in.

Key of the Juzgado & the staff of office have been placed of Lieut. Narciso Fabregat, an old Mex^n. Officer, & the landlord of the building, a very respectable gentleman.

Custom House papers of this port all seal^d. up & lock^d. up in the Juzgado.

Fabregat will allow nothing disturbed.

Military Contrib^n fund turn^d. over to his successor Capt Smith.

+ 1848 Sept. 16. San Fran^co.

F. H. Barrett, ex-Sheriff of dist. & town of S^n. Fran^co.

+ 1848 Ap. 28 Sta Cruz

J. W. Powell & 25 others - to Gov^r. Rich^d. B. Mason.

Petition for removal of the Alcalde

Allege that W^m Blackburn, the Alcalde, is unworthy of pub. confidence, & unfit for the station: he has assumed powers to set aside verdicts of juries; attempted

to control the town council, "arrogating to himself powers superior to theirs; for squandering the pub. money; for denying individuals the privilege of a fair trial by object.g to jurors; for neglecting to bring the guilty to trial after complaint had been made & they had been cited to appear; for partiality & for oppression in various ways". In view of which they petition for the removal of said Blackburn, and for the appointmt of James G. G. Dunleavy in his place.

+ 1848 July 11th Los Angeles.
Col. J. D. Stevenson, Command.g South.n Milit. Dist. – to Gov. Mason.
Municipal regulations & taxes for Sta Bárbara.

Says that before leaving Sta Barb.a he regulated the police – there will be no future difficulty in feed.g or keep.g the Alcalde's prisoners.

Authoriz.d Alcalde to levy 5$ for tavern license, & on stores 1$ monthly, beginning 1st July & payable 3 months in advance – Result was receipt of $120. – on that day – out of which Commissaries' bill of 92$ was p.d – balance expended in fitting up 2 rooms in the old presidio for a jail & prison room – this will save the town annual expense of $1511. – besides

relieving the Milit. Authority of all trouble abt keeping or feeding the prisoners.

Appointd a Treasurer under bonds, of the town funds, to be used in paying Secretary & expenses of Alcalde's office, guard for prison & prisoners, repairg guard & alcalde's office — paymts to be made by him under Alcalde's order.

All of which was satisfactory to Alcalde & the inhabitants.

Saw, whilst in Sta Bárba, many of the people, heard their complaints, & satisfied all as far as possible.

Advisd the Alcalde to pursue a conciliatory course & thus render himself popular — he means no wrong probably, but his manner is rude & offensive. "his idea of the dignity of Station is so elevated that all who differ with him in regard to his official duty, he does not hesitate to threaten with imprisonmt & confinemt in the Stocks. I have pointd out to him the folly of such a course & assure him that the Presidt of the U.S. has no such powers as he assumes. We are very good friends, he has promised to follow my advice; if he does, all will go well at Santa Bárbara."

+ 1848 April.... Sta Bárba

José Carrillo - to Govr.

Complaint against Pablo de la Guerra for having wrongfully imprisond him in the guard-house, merely because he, complainant, denied his authority to act as Alcalde, "his term of service having expird on the 1st day of January"

There were no alcaldes exercising functions of such - the two that had been elected, prior to the time when they should be inducted in office, notified the public of their unwillingness to serve & never took the oath of office.

+ 1848. Marzo 19. Sta Bárba

Pedro C. Carrillo, Juez 1o y de 1a Insta - Bando- Reglamto de policía para Sta Bárba y su jurisdn

1o. Se previene á dueños de casas tengan sus solares limpios y con la decencia posible - si no lo hubieren hecho dentro de 8 dias de la pubn de esto, pagarán 5$ de multa.

2o. Galopar y correr á caballo dentro de la poblacn prohibido - el que contraviniese, pagará por 1a vez, 4rs de multa - por la 2a $1.-; y por

la 3.ª sufrirá 4 dias de cárcel. Los R.dos Padres, los músicos y el sacristan están esceptuados.

3.º Toda res bronca que se introduzca en la poblacion deberá venir mancornada con un buey, "y á mas no pudor procurará un compañero, p.ª que á mas de llevarla asegurada de la cabeza, se asegure de un pié, y entre ámbos la introducirán". Los infractores pagarán 1$ de multa.

4.º Jueces de policía nombrados por el juzgado hoy "están facultados por ámbas autoridades á la espectacion de las discordias y desórdenes que puedan originarse" — prohibirán tales hechos, aprehenderán á los delincuentes, mandándolos á la guardia, y dando cuenta á alg.º de los Alcaldes — pidiendo el ausilio que necesiten de los vecinos — si estos se resistieren á prestarlo, "los encargados podrán multarlos en 5$, y si se resistieren á pagar, darán aviso á este juzgado.

5.º Se prohibe el tránsito en la poblac.n y sus contornos con armas de fuego ó blancas &a. — Solo se podrán portar cuando sus dueños vayan al campo ó de camino. "el que contraviniere á esta disposic.n perderá la arma que se le encuentre, y á mas sufrirá una multa de uno á dos pesos".

7.º Los jueces de policía impedirán que se corra á caballo en la poblacion — impondrán la multa á los contraventores, siendo ellos mis-

mos responsables en la citada multa, ó estando presentes, faltasen al cumplimto. delo dispuesto:
Adicion, firmada por E. Ardisson, 2o. juez, en ausencia del 1o.

Los dueños de tabernas á las 9 P. M. en punto cerrarán sus establecctos. - seles prohibe, llegada esa hora, el espendio de licores de cualqa. manera quesea - el que contraviniere pagará 2 ps. de multa.

+ 1848 Mzo 19 Sta Bárba.
Pedro C. Carrillo, Juez 1o. y de 1a. Insta.

Jueces de policia nombrados pr. el pa. este año.
Estévan Ortega
Gervacio Ayala
Inocente Lorenzana.

+ 1848 March 11 San Franco.
Geo: Hyde, Alcalde - to Col. & Govr. Mason

Refers in a private letter to intrigues secretly carried on & culminated in

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a petition to Gov. M. by several to have him remov.d from the office of Alcalde — all reasons alleged for such action declared untrue, & the proceedings of his enemies of a suspicious nature.

Robt. A. Parker, member of the town council, was called in to sign the petition, & he refused, telling the conspirators that their alleged charges were false.

A plan is also on hand to concentrate suffrage on Dr Townsend, agt. Capt. Folsom, to succeed him (Hyde) when he shall resign.

Has no desire to retain the position nor to advance any friend of his to it—

Renews his application for leave.

+ 1848 Augt. 21 Los Angeles
Col. J. D. Stevenson — to Gov. Mason
On Necessity of retaining Stephen C. Foster as Alcalde.

Says that Alcalde Foster is the "most valuable man to the U. S. in this district of Cal., & his services should not be dispensed with, if it can in any way under Heaven be avoided. The people have entire confidence in him,

and his presence as Alcalde will do more to preserve harmony than any thing else other than stationing troops here. The Californians 90 of every 100 do not believe that this territory is ceded to the U. S., and they give as a reason that if the territory was ours, we would not abandon it to the Indian depredations by the removal of troops. If, therefore, they say thus, when we are disbanded, it will be reduced to a moral certainty when the American Alcalde resigns. I therefore pray you prevent this calamity if you can; the amt. of his salary is of no importance when compared to his services to our country."

+ 1848 March 10. San Franco.

Petitions to Govr. Mason to remove Alcalde George Hyde & 2d. Alcalde T. M. Leavenworth - charges agt them &c.

Several petitions were addressed to the Govr. this day to remove said Hyde from office and also the 2d. Alcalde Leavenworth - signed by large numbers of citizens of the most prominent viz: Victor J. Fourgeaud, E. P. Jones, James C. Ward, S. Brannan, W. D. M.

Wm. H. Davis, Edwd. H. Harrison, Wm. A. Leidesdorff, C. L. Ross, G. W. Whittock. Henry Mellus, and a great many others:

Complaints=

That said Hyde, 1st Alcalde, & Leaventhworth, 2d Alcalde, dishonor their high & responsible offices.

That their town "has fallen into a disgraceful state of confusion & become the frequent theater of the most revolting scenes- riots, bloody street fights, in which serious wounds are inflicted on the slightest provocation are of almost daily occurrence- law and authority are openly defied- the evil-minded are thus encouraged in their vicious courses and the good left unprotected- the Chief Magistrate is publicly insulted on the high bench he occupies- insults, which are but the expression of public indignation; villainy may stalk abroad in the open light of day, if it only has boldness enough to intimidate our Alcalde, who has publicly refused to arrest a criminal who threatened his life, because he would thus endanger his personal safety.

Such is the condition to which the cowardice, inactivity & pusillanimity of our Alcaldes

has reduced the fair and flourishing town of San Francisco — a condition calculated to blight its prospects and render it a jest & a by-word throughout the land.

Moreover, the Alcalde is the open associate of that worst class of our citizens, the gamblers, & passes his nights in their company.

On a matter which touches not only the welfare of our town, but of the surrounding country, we are confident that Your Excellency will give our petition the consideration it merits"

The petition ends requesting the Govr to appoint Dr John Thownsend, first, and Mr John C. Bucchanan, second Alcalde.

Another petition of same date numerously subscribed warmly recommends the appt of Dr J. Townsend to the petition of first Alsalde.

On same date Wm A. Leidesdorff in a private letter to Govr Mason that since the Govr was last in San Franco, testimony has accumulated & other circumstances have appeard agt the 1st Alcalde George Hyde, which have caused him to change his opinion abt Hyde, & prompt him to recommend his immediate removal

from office – goes on saying: "he alone has been the means of creating a state of affairs here, which renders every gentleman in the community liable to be insulted at the corners of the streets, and if resistance is made, he is either shot or stabbed, and the culprit is suffer.d to go at large & escape the punishmt. which he, as Judge, should inflict upon him. Mr Hyde has opposed the "Council", and instead of enforcing the laws passed by them, tells the people openly that he will not enforce them, thereby rendering life and property insecure".

That Hyde is suspected of being the author of several scurrilous articles in the "Californian" agt the council & other town officers, including the writer.

That he, the writer, ever since he has been a member of the council, he has been trying to have a law passed to put down gambling – of which Mr McDougal & Mr Lippincott are aware "they being gamblers by profession", for which these persons as well as the Alcalde Hyde are his personal enemies.

+ 1848. Sept. 6. Los Angeles.
Stephen C. Foster, Alcalde - to Govr Mason.
Withdrawing his resignation.

Thanks the Govr for the confidence placed in him, and for the highly complimentary manner of its expression. Withdraws his resignation promising to use his best abilities to deserve the Govr's high opinion of him in the discharge of his official duties.

The absence of some new system of laws & regulations is felt, which he hopes will soon be promulgated.

Alcalde Foster had on the 20th of Augt sent his resignation of the office which the Gov had conferred on him in Dec. 1847

"My reason for resigning is simply this. With the abandonmt of this post ends my employmt as Govt interpreter, the salary of which is my only reliance for the support of myself & family, and I am abt entering on other business incompatible with the duties of an office as arduous as that of Alcalde of a district like this": that he intends to remain in Cal. & will always try to be a useful citizen of his country, the U.S. - Would continue discharging the duties of Alcalde till Oct. 1st

+ 1848 Dic. 7 Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Magistrado - al Gobr Mason - sobre una causa criminal.

Avisa que ya tiene nombrado el "Jury" p.a el juicio del reo de que se trata. (Domingo Hernández?) Pide que el Gobr. le mande conducir al Juzgado juntamte con el testimonio de las declaraciones tomadas por él al sargto. y otro soldo. de la guardia que lo aprendió.

+ (1848) Dec. 18. San José

K. H. Dimmick, Alcalde - to Lt Sherman. Election of Alcalde - Execution of criminals

Reports that White, the Alcalde, having resigned, he was on the 12th. elected, and took charge of the office & official staff.

Immediately caused 3 men charged with robbery & wounding another man with intent to kill to be arrested. On saturday they were tried, the evidence being positive were convicted, & will be hung today. Will make full report to Govr., stating "why the sentence was so speedily executed".

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+ 1848 Dec. 9. Mont.

Alcalde Florencio Serrano - al Gobr. Sentencia de un reo -

Dice que ayer sentenció á M. Geüld, por robo que cometió en la casa-aduana, á recibir 30 azotes en las espaldas descubiertas; que el reo ha suplicado muchos que se le conmutase la sentencia, á lo que no se accedió por falta de facultad en el juez; entónces suplicó se suspendiese la ejecucion de la sentencia hasta hoy. Varias personas han intercedido por él, entre ellas Col. Burton, y Lieut. Ord - quienes aseguran que siempre Geuld tuvo buena conducta ántes - y llaman la atencion á la larga prision que ha sufrido, y á la pérdida de sus pequeños intereses - y finalmte, que Geuld no es ladron de profesion, y que su delito fué efecto del licor que le dominaba. Le recomienda al Gobr, "único tribunal en quien ha facultad pa absolverlo si lo creyere posible".

\+ 1848 Sept. 22 Sn. Franco.

Alcalde Leavenworth - to Govr. Mason - Charges against the late Alcalde George Hyde, C. L. Ross &c

Says he has advised his friends to give Geo: Hyde, C. L. Ross & those they influence or represent "ample rope to hang themselves with, which will save us all the trouble of punishing them" - that their assertions will be proved false by the declarations of writer & majority of citizens - "They have both narrowly escaped the Calaboose & are hindering the administn. of justice".

\+ 1848 Dic. 19 Mont.

Florencio Serrano, Magisto. - al Gobr. - Sentencia de dos reos por desafio.

Acompaña el veredicto unánime de un jurado de 6 individuos en la causa seguida á Salvador Nieto por haber disparado un pistoletazo á Nicolas Silvas - la sentencia fué que por haber provocado Nieto á Silvas á desafio y descargado una pistola contra él, sufra la pena de 6 meses de obras públicas; y Silvas por haber aceptado el desafio saliendo de su casa con arma ofensiva pa. él, sufra la de 3 meses - y qe. desde mañana tendrá efecto dha sentencia.

El Jurado lo compusiéron Antº Mª Osio, Estévan Munrás, Ygnº Esquer, Teodoro Gonzalez, Francisco Perez Pacheco y Gabriel de la Torre, y tuviéron á la vista las declaraciones de los testigos y demás antecedentes.

+ 1848 Apl. 18 Mont.

Col. R. B. Mason, Govr. Establishes Court for the trial of three men for uttering counterfeit money.

Govr. Mason, by virtue of his authority appointed Stephen C. Foster & Abel Stearns, Judges, "to hold a special court at Los Angeles on such day as may be appointed by such Judges for the trial of Ruel Barras, C. C. Canfield, Samuel Myers & others of the Company of Mormon Volunteers, late in the service of the U. S. charged with passing counterfeit coin purporting to be the coin of the U. S."

J. Temple was appoint.d by the Court, Clerk & act.g as such during the trials.

The accused were tried separately, and the trials were conducted by the usual mode of procedure in jury trials in the U. States. the prisoners being also allow.d the benefit of

counsel.

The trials began on the 17th of May.

C. C. Canfield pleaded not guilty—

The Jury after an absence from court of 5 hours in charge of the Sheriff, signified that they had agreed upon a verdict— being called into court, thro: their foreman render.d a verdict of "Not guilty," and the prisoner C. C. Canfield was immediately discharged from custody.

The next trial was that of ex-Lieut. Ruel Barras— commenc.d May 19— Jury empanelled & sworn.— This trial occupied the Court till the 23d May inclusive— Prisoner confessed having play.d at monte with a few pieces of counterfeit coin, lost, redeemed them, play.d again & finally threw them away. After a fair trial & being heard thro. counsel— The Jury brought in their verdict on the 22d, that he was guilty "of having passed said coin knowing the same to be counterfeit coin"

The prisoner on the 23d was sentenced "to five years' hard labor in such secure place of detention as His Exc.y, the Gov.r may direct. At the same time, from the palliating circumstances which appear.d upon the trial

as well as the youth of the prisoner, the Court recommend him to the mercy of the Govr. for such mitigation of the sentence as he may deem proper"

Trial of Samuel Myers began on the 22d. He pleaded "Guilty to so much as relates to passing the false coin in San Diego on or abt the 14 of March 1848, with the exception of the words "Knowing them to be counterfeit. Not guilty to the remainder of the charge.

The Jury return. a verdict of "Not guilty" & the prisoner was set at liberty.

(Canfield's trial-record occupies 4 pages—Barrus' 37— & Myers' 4.)

+ 1848 March 18 Sn. Franco.

E. P. Jones } members of the } to
Wm. A. Leidesdorff } town council } Govr Mason.

Charges agt. Alcalde George Hyde

That Hyde has with quibbles consumed two months in his defence, availing himself of the privilege the Gov. allow. him – examined & cross-examin. witnesses on matters foreign to the question at issue – till he exhausted

the patience of the Council - and of the Committee of citizens - the latter have concluded to withdraw from further prosecution - most of the witnesses have gone away. Council have been able only to close the testimony on the first two charges.

1st "He has alterd the No. of the lots on the map of the town now hanging in the Alcalde's office, which bears the signature of Jasper O'Farrel, town surveyor, thus renderg it valueless as a pub. doc.

2d. He has set aside petitions for lots, one dating as far back as the magistracy of Alcalde Bartlett, and grantd the same lots to other & later applicants.

Hyde after consuming 2 months, "finally very coolly told them that he admitted them to be true and attempted to justify himself by the bold assertion that he had the right to commit those acts".

They believe it impossible to make a full report by the board of councilmen - Messrs Howard & Glover never attended one meeting for the investign.

Mr Parker declines signing any more papers directed to the Govr. - thinks he has already said enough.

Mr Clark, for reasons of his own, does not unite with them for making a report

+ 1848 March 9 Sn. Franco.

Alcalde Hyde — to Govr. Mason — private letter — defends his official conduct & promises his resignation.

After referring to some charges preferred agt him which he pronounces slanderous, he assures the Govr. that he has tried to preserve good feeling & never allowd. himself to be swayed by favoritism or private considerations of any kind —

That he has grown disgusted with his situation & desires to resign it — that his enemies have had ample time to convict him of wrongful acts, & have failed completely, tho' "they are not gentlemen enough to retract what they have advanced, because ridicule would be successfully turnd. upon them".

That the town council allow him $50.— monthly for recording deeds as clerk — if he needs aid, he must pay it himself — "That, & the other trifling sums I receive, is no compensation for the risks & insolence, contention & slander, with which I have to contend".

That by first of April he will be able to leave the office, & intends to resign it — asks Govr. Mason to allow him to give up the office to Dr. Leavenworth, the 2d. Alcalde, to act in my absence, while I visit Monterey, at which

place I shall tender my resignation. My object is to prevent any remarks in the papers, well knowing what their purport will be. In this case I can quietly leave the office".

Says Mr Leidesdorff, with whom he was formerly on friendly terms, has join^d his opponents from motives of interest & supposing him connected with the "Californian" paper (which is unfounded) is very bitter ag^t him — "If he (Leidesdorff) "or his associates can show just reasons & truthful circumstances to convince you of the necessity, I very cheerfully agree to submit to such a sentence".

+ 1848 Ap^l. 29 San José
Charles White, Alcalde to Gov^r. Mason.

Inquires if a debt contracted in the U.S. may be collect^d in Cal. — Cases have been brought before his court, & he does not know whether he has a right to adjudicate upon them.

Elam Brown, appoint^d Alcalde for Contra costa, claims to have the same rank & authority as any other Alcalde. Contra costa has hitherto been under the Alcalde of San José. Desires instructions to know if Contra costa is now separate & independ^t

José Jesus, Chief of an Indn tribe, appeard with some of his people, was kindly treated - said that some of his neighbors were constantly committing depredns, stealing horses, women, & children - he wished to wage war agt them - Was told the Govt would not sanction his making war; but if the others attacked his villages, he certainly had the right of defence & of killing the invaders whilst fighting; but prisoners must be brought to him the Alcalde - José Jesus acquiesced - is a good, trusty Indn - quite influential - his people numerous.

+ 1848 Feb. 6. San Diego
Robt Clift, Lt Mormon Vols, Alcalde - to Govr Mason

Resigns his office -
Believes there is very little chance of the Men agreeing to remain till end of the year.

+ 1848 Feb. 6. Los Angs
Alcalde Foster - Indn depredations

Gives notice that to keep the Indians

who are constantly raiding on the ranches and running off their horses, in check, the Command^g officer has consented to keep an arm^d force under an experienced officer at Cajon Pass, until the season for Ind^n depred^ns is past.

Owners of ranches called upon to furnish the horses assign^d to each, for such service, under penalty of $10 for each failure to comply with this order.

+ 1848 Jan. 13 Mont

Wm R. Longley, 2^d alcalde

Appoint^d by Gov^r Mason — accept^d office this day in letter to the Gov^r

+ 1848 Dec. 14 Sacramento

Sam. Brannan, "People's Alcalde"

Encloses to Gov^r Mason proceedings of the trial before the "People's Court of Cal^a", of C. E. Pickett for the killing of M. R. Alderman. Pickett was acquitted.

+ 1848 June 29. San Buenav.^a
Isaac Callahan, Sub Alcalde –

Appoint.^d by Gov.^r Mason – subject to instructions from Alcalde Pedro C. Carrillo, of Sta Barb.^a

+ 1848 Jan. 12 San José
James W. Weekes, Alcalde – to Gov.^r Mason – frauds by James D. Hutton, late surveyor of the District.

Requests that a special tribunal be constituted to try said Hutton for obtaining money under false pretenses and violation of official duties, in this that he certified the lots he surveyed to contain 500 acres each, and they have since been re-survey.^d by the present official surveyor C. S. Lyman & found to contain only from 200 to 380 acres –

Hutton said to be now surveyor in some southern district by app^t. of the Gov^t., & therefore out of this alcalde's jurisdiction.

On 31 Dec. a majority of the late Junta of the pueblo, consisting of W.^m Fisher, Salvador Castro, Cha.^s White, José Noriega, Ant.^o Suñol & Dolores Pacheco, together with the late Alcalde John Burton & the present

alcalde met to consider the matter, and all but Sunol & Parker (tho' they did not dissent) pronounced the acts of sd. Hutton, a fraud upon the community, from whom he obtaind. considerable sums for his services.

Requests the Govr. to appoint the special court to try the case, & some person to prosecute Hutton in the name of the pueblo.

+ 1848 Jan. 29 San José
Alcalde Weeks - to Gov Mason - Horse stealing

Reports that horse-stealing has been going on strongly in his district during last week - Antº. Sunol has lost 50 horses - the Bernals & Galindos as many more.

Sunol reported that the robberies had been attributed to Indians, but this could not be ascertained - There was one fact worthy of notice that two Bernals were attacked by 6 foreigners armd. with rifles - the Bernals fled & were pursued.

+ 1848 Jan. 31 San Franco.
Capt. Jas A. Hardie, of 1st. N. Y. Regt., Commandt.

+ 1848 Jan. 27 Sn. Rafael
Timothy Murphy, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Jan. 22 San Fco.
Geo. Hyde, 1st Alcalde

Apprises Gov. Mason that he has under Govr's orders appointed a "Suballtern Alcalde" for the mission Dolores, viz: Robt. T. Ridley.

+ 1849 Sept 20. Dry Diggings (Arroyo Seco)
I. B. Donaldson, Presidt. & Francis T. Russell, Sec. } of a pub. meeting of citizens.

Notify Gov. Riley that when he issued his proclamn. for election of officers the populn. was quite small, owing to the dry season, the necessity for such officers was not felt, and there was no election. But that since that time it has become numerous & daily encreasing from overland travel, and for the preservation of peace & order, public officers are deemd. indispensable.

Prompted by the Govr's order, & in the hope that he will approve their action, the citizens passed resolutions.

1st That the Presidt. of the meeting appoint 3 Judges of an election to fix time & place within 5 days, somewhere in this vicinity & give notice for holding an election of 2 alcaldes & a sub-Prefect for this district, which election shall be held "subject to the ratifn. of the Govr. of Cal."

2d The Judges & clerks to certify results of same to the Govr.

Presidt. & Sec. of this meeting to certify this & the preceding resolution, accompany the election returns, & to request the Govr. to ratify the proceedings of the election & to commission the officers so elected.

They expect the population of the district to swell to thousands this winter. Ask the Govr. to address his answer to Sacramento city.

+ 1849 .... Benicia. Dist. of Sonoma.

Chas. P. Wilkins, Prefect of Dist. of Sonoma to Govr. Riley

Want of a civil officer much felt by citizens of town & valley of Napa. In all legal cases they have now to go to Sonoma or Benicia thereby sacrificing time & money.

+ 1849 Augt. of Sn. Franco.
Peter H. Burnett - to Gov. - Gen B. Riley

Accepts the unsought by him office of Judge of the Supr. Court, to which people of Sn. Franco. & San José have elected him - Will, as soon as his family are sufficiently recovd. to leave them, meet the other Judges at Monterey.

+ 1849 Oct. 25 Stockton
Thos. B. Van Buren, Prosecutg Attorney - Dist. of Sn. Joaqn. to H. W. Halleck, Sec. of State - Need of funds for judl. expenses

Citizens of this town have already voluntarily contributed $7000. - for prosecution of criminals, hoping to be re-imbursed by Govt. at some future time - their treasury now exhaust. - citizens now paying for municipal regulns., includg a large hospl. & the purchase of a prison ship - latter alone at an expense of 4000$.

Requests that an order be issued to pay the citizs. of Stockton at least 6000$ from civil fund.

A portion of the civil fund should be placed in Stockton.

The above facts corroborated by Geo: G. Belt, Judge of 1st. Instance & Salisbury Haley, Secy

+ 1849 Oct. 18 San José
Peter H. Burnett - to Gov Riley

Resigns his position of Judge & Presidt of the Supr. Tribl. of Cal.

+ 1849 Nov. 7. Kelimus Rivr. (Willow Bar)
P. M. Foley, Alcalde - On Gulches & their distribn. for mining.

Advises of his election as alcalde for the district - asks for Govr's ratifn. & instructions. Desires to know what are the limits of his district, as well as his term of Office.

"The subject of gulches (ravines) is now one of much interest to the miners on this river, as it has commenced to rise" ---- "as a protection to the industrious miner, it is proposed to permit the first discoverer of a rich gulch to work 27 feet front on each side of the ravine with an indefinite depth, and all others 18 ft. each side & front with the indefinite depth; but at all times providing that no individual shall retain but the right to work but one depth so as to prevent monopoly by rich companies, who hire labor at a much lower rate".

+ (1849) ...... Mont.
Jn.o A. Sutter & other Delegates

from Sacramento dist. to present convention say to Gov.r Riley, no choice of Prefect for that district was made by the people, and as such app.t by the Gov.r becomes necessary, they recommend Elisha O. Crosby for the position.

+ 1849 June 15. Sta Cruz
J. L. Majors - Alcalde - to Gov.r - sale of property by priest.

Indians complain the priest is trying to sell houses in the mission, which were built expressly for their use - which he has no right to do, as they say. Natives of the place say the Ind.s were supposed to be the lawful owners & had the right to sell or barter the property at their pleasure. Inquires if the priest has the right to dispose of such property.

W. E. P. Hartnell, on 16.th replies the Gov.r is in S.n Fran.co - opened the letter to Gov.r (according to Majors' request). Can give no official opinion on subject - but does not hesitate to state his private opinion - "the priest

has no right at all to sell any real estate in the mission Sta Cruz, whether belonging to the mission, to Govt. or to the Indians; and I think it is your duty to prevent, as far as lays in your power, any such sales from being effected, until the Govr's pleasure be known."

+ 1849 May 13 Los Angeles

Alcalde Foster - to Govr. - Execution of an Indn. criminal

Juan Antonio, a neophyte of San Gabriel, charged with many murders, burglary, theft, aiding & abetting horse thieves of the Tulares &c &c, captured several times, &c but escaped each time - had been a terror to the community during 15 years -

Was captured, tried by him & a jury of 6, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. execution took place on 10th Inst. @ 5½ P.M. - consolations of religion afforded the prisoner - the curate accompany'g him to scaffold.

+ 1849 May 22. Los Angeles
Alcalde Foster – to Sec. of State Halleck – Election of municipal officers.

Reports election of municipal officers for rest of this year in due form of law, which took place on 17 Inst. On 20th oath of office was administd. to the elect by him, Foster, as actg alcalde – on 21 records, office &c. were delivd. to the new 1st alcalde – all enterd. that day upon discharge of their duties

José del C. Lugo – 1st Alcalde
Juan José Sepúlveda 2o – "
José López
Franco. Ruiz
Tomas Sanchez
Franco. Z. Campo
} Regidores
John Temple – Síndico.

+ 1849 Oct. 15 Mont.
Lewis Dent, Judge or Minister of the Supr. Tribunal of Cal.

Resigns his office into hands of Govr Riley, being unable to attend to its duties.

+ 1849 . No date - no place.

G. D. Dickerson Prefect of San Joaqn. dist. - to Govr. Riley.

Dickinson

Asks for Mexn. law books in order to be able to administer justice under the laws of Mex. as is required of him &c

+ 1849 Nov. 20 Mont.

Prefect David Spence - to Secy of State Halleck

Dr King, U. S. Army, elected 3d Regidor, cannot act as such under Mexn. law, which forbids that any military officer shall be a member of an Ayuntamto.

As he, Spence, will have to decide the matter, wishes to know if King can, under laws of the U. S., act as a town-councilman.

+ 1849 Nov. 8. Sacramto. City.

Wm E. Shannon, Judge of 1st Instce of Sacramto. Dist.

Resigns his office into hands of Govr. Riley. Speaks of the Necessity of having in this dist. a Judge of 1st Instance with criminal jurisdiction - recommends Robt. A. Wilson for it.

\+ 1849 June 29. Sn Franco

Commodore Thos Ap Catesby Jones _ to Genl B. Riley -
Troubles in San Franco

Confidentially tells him that constant appeals are brought to him agt. the Chief Alcalde Dr T. M. Leavenworth - has not interfered with him but rendered him all possible aid. But must say. "he is so personally obnoxious to the community that it is impossible for him to give satisfaction in any thing".

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"the security & tranquillity of this community cannot be restored without a change in the office of Alcalde & the restoration of the records to the keeping of that office according to the Mexn laws."

Rodman M. Price on same day writes to Govr Riley that "Leavenworth is a troublesome fellow & this community would be well rid of him".

Capt. J. L. Folsom on same date also writes to the Govr that Leavenworth's doings will arouse again the old machinery of discord - that it was his intention to get up such troubles as will give him a new hold on his office, or make the present one lucrative.

+ 1849 May 15 San F.co
Alcalde Leavenworth – to Gov. Riley.

Tenders his resignation to take effect upon the election of another magistrate.

+ 1849 Aug.t 20 San José
Ant.o M.a Pico. Prefect of Dist.

+ 1849 Aug.t 21. San José
Prefect Pico – to Sec. of State Halleck.

Submits for Gov.r's approval app.t of
N. B. Smith } as
Félix Buelna } Sub-Prefects of this district.

+ 1849 Aug.t 29 Sta Clara
Geo. W. Bellamy, 2.d alcalde.

Elected last Feb.y. Recommends prompt action on Gov.r's part to provide the dist. with authorities for coming winter, or the place will be in a bad condition.

+ 1849 Nov. 9 San F.co

Horace Hawes, Prefect of Dist.

Henry Reed, Secretary of Prefectura.

+ 1849. Oct. 24 Mormon Camp

Michael A. Tubb, Alcalde, Mormon Camp, in Stanislaus Placer, San Joaqn. District.

+ 1849 Nov. 23 Stockton

Geo. G. Belt, Judge of 1st Instance - San Joaqn. Dist.

Resigns his office into Govr. Riley's hands.

+ 1849 Oct. 29 (Mont)

Mariano Malarin, Sec. pro-tem.

Superior Tribunal recommend to Gov. appt. of 1 additional Judge of 1st Instance for San José, suggest J. T. Richardson as a proper person for the office - and that said Judge have exclusive jurisdn. of all civil causes.

+ 1849 Oct. 6. San Fran^co

Jn^o G. Geary, 1^st Alcalde – to Sec. of State of Cal.

Asking that the town authorities be placed in possession of the adobe building situated upon the plaza, now occupied by the Collector of the port – it is the property of the town, and the high prices demanded for rooms suitable for pub. offices, render it necessary for the town authorities to occupy their building.

+ 1849 Sept 25 Mont.

Wm E. Shannon, Judge of 1^st Inst. of Sacramento Dist.

Resigns his office into Gov^r Riley's hands.

+ 1849 Aug^t. 1 Town of Vernon (Dist. of Sacram^to)

E. G. Field, Chairman }
Geo: W. Crane, Sec. } of a pub. meeting

Resolutions to constitute a municipal gov^t. & select a delegate to Convention at Monterey.

Officers elected

Delegate Elisha O. Crosby – 54 votes – no opposition

Alcalde Gilbert A. Grant.

Sheriff D. B. Hamilton

over

Town council.

James Leirige — Geo. W. Crane
Frank Lawton — Eliolea O. Crosby
Lewis L Bradbury — Wm Summerhays.
Henry Allen.

+ 1849 Augt. 2. Sonoma
Israel Brockman, Sheriff.
Peter Campbell, Justice of the Peace.

+ 1849 Augt 8 Sn Franco
John Townsend
G. B. Post
B. Simmons
Rodman M. Price
} Committee of the town council of San Franco to Govr Riley.

request, by order of said council, "the loan of public funds, for which the faith of the town is shall be pledged, & to be returned whenever the Govt of the U. States shall demand it, the loan to bear an interest of 6 per cent per annum, & to be applied to building a jail or prison house & a hospital".

The town unable at present to raise the funds and those buildings absolutely necessary.

+ 1849 Julio 4. Sta Bárba

Raymundo Carrillo, Alcalde
Antº María de la Guerra, Regidor Secretº

En nombre del Ayuntº hacen presente al Gobr la necesidad de que el Sr Hill, 1r Regidor, desempeñe su cometido, no admitiéndole las escusas que ha presentado de incapacidad que son infundadas- "pues, de lo contrario, sería abrir una puerta pa que los demás que componen el ayuntº abandonaran sus puestos".

En otra comunicacion dicen que al Reg. Secretº se le han asignado 30$ mensuales pa gastos de oficina, y piden la aprobacion del Gobr

+ 1849 Mayo 31 Sta Bárba

Cárlos Antº Carrillo, Síndico - Cuenta del Ayuntº

Cobrados

Derechos de 3 tabernas	á 5$	15.
id de 2 tiendas	1	2
id de 1 billar		2.50
id de 1 juego de monte de los Indios		1
Existencias anteriores		150.25
		$ 170.75

Salidas

Gastos del Juzgado, alquiler de cárcel y pago de carcelero....	$57.75
5 p% del síndico pertenecte. á la entrada de este mes.	1.–
Gastos de escrit. del ayuntº y pago de su secretº....	30.–
	$82.75
Exist.ª que queda..................	88.–

+ 1849 June 21 Sn. Franco.

Edwd. H. Fitzgerald, Brevt. Major & A. Q.M. – to Sec. of State Halleck

In reference to the bill of 600$ presented by Alcalde Leavenworth of Sn. Fco for the expenses of an express from here to Monterey employd. by said Alcalde, assumes the Sec. he could have had the service perform.d for 200$ – wants instruct. what sum to allow for it.

+ 1849 July 20 Santa Cruz

J. L. Majors, Alcalde
Wm. H. Hardy, Wm. Anderson,
Griffith L. Furkins, Eli Moore.
James Boucher, Secy.
Composing the town council.

+ 1847 June 28 San Fran^co.

W^m. A. Leidesdorff, Frank Ward & numerous other citizens: — Petition to Gov^r.

Represent that many surveys of ranches & towns were made by M^r. Jasper O'Farrell, & since the country has been taken by U. S. "no regular record has been made, which may at any time be referred to."

That said O'Farrell has been Departmental Surveyor under the Mex^n. Gov^t. for Cal. for ab^t. 3 years & has kept his records accordingly.

They recommend O'Farrel's re-app^t., if only temporarily, as one well qualified for the office.

+ 1846 Ap^l. 23. Mont.

J. S. Escamilla, Alcalde.

+ 1848 Sept 29. Mont

W^m. R. Garner, Clerk of the First Alcalde's Court.

+ 1848 Jan. 31 Los Angeles

J. D. Hunter, Sub-Ind^n. Ag^t. – Efforts for improv^g. cond^n. of the Indians.

Says that

he has been raisg a small crop of wheat in the mission farm at the Pala, & had induceg the Indians to do same on their own hook.

+ 1848 March 24 Sta Bárba

Pedro C. Carrillo, Chief Magistrate to Govr Mason - Foxon's crime - Complaint against Col. Stevenson's interference.

Ben. Foxon, English, arresteg for murder of Agustin Dávila, a Mexn, on 22 March near Mission Statnes - he deliverd himself up to said Magistrate, & was turnd over to Capt Lippitt, Commandt, for safe keeping. Inquires if Foxon is to be trieg under Mexn law & procedure, or to have a trial by jury under Am. law.

Reports that Col. Stevenson, commandg at Los Angeles, sent an armd force which arrested Manl Anguisola, one of the inhabitants of Sta Bárba & carrieg him off to Los Angeles, without giving any notice to the magistrate.

Wants to know if Col. Stevenson has Govr's sanction to order him (Carrillo) & his people - for he has sent an order to have Franco Badillo forwarded to him: and that Badillo has refused to go.

+ 1849 May 29. San Fran^co

T. M. Leavenworth, Alcalde — to Gov.^r Riley — Synopsis of various political mov.^ts in that place &c.

The place & vicinity filled with small politicians who expect to realize gain from "funds to be raised by taxation, & "the pickings of a large estate to be managed by them" (Leidesdorff's?)

That the Alcalde's offence is "that he has a name and family to be hurt by yielding to an unworthy course, and hence the effort to get rid of the office in this District. Hence also the movem^t. in the Sonoma District to array the people against the Military Gov.^t, as they call it. There is some talent, and the Estate of Leidesdorff, as now controlled, enlisted in the mov.^t It must, however, wither before the decided and discriminating course which I am given to understand the Executive has fixed on. His course will be sustained by the leading influence in both districts. If we can get a press to speak sound doctrines".

Goes on saying that he has held an office which has not compensated his sacrifices, " Scandal & falsehood have deprived me of an even chance, except in a contest at the polls, and for political honors I have no ambition. I deem^d. to my enemies a triumph that they got

me betw. two fires, to compel me to surrender the Records to them. I have waited, and still patiently wait for a good deliverance, silently and quietly, and also wait to see such as are the enemies of the Alcalde, now identified with the legitimate law party, pass away, and the prevalence of law & right here. My friends regard my suspension as temporary, and believe you will remove it upon such information as is before you; for myself, escape from scrutiny is not sought, but, with an abused press, accusers in the dark, and a tribunal of my enemies I cannot contend; from this, humanity should save me.

It is my intention to ask a fair investign of any criminal charge by an open accuser. You will be surprised that none such have made themselves heard here yet. My accusers were first heard in Monterey, and they remain unknown here.

In relation to the welfare of the town, we need a town council. I venture to suggest as a measure of expediency that the council of 1848, all resident here, resume their municipal functions; they are sound men, have not mixed in the exciting elections, and I find will act if the Alcalde be directed to

recognize them, and to them I shall cheerfully defer as a competent & unbiased tribunal for any investign. you may order"

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In the case of the late Alcalde Hyde, the Council persecuted him with delay and frivolous charges, which can be corrected.

Another view suggested. "If the only charge named is disposed of by facts submitted, or otherwise sufficiently met, pending the notice for the election of a 2d Alcalde, I will submit my acct. and vouchers to the council now holding over as such, and if satisfactory to them retire from the office as I desired."

+ 1849 May 16 Sn. Franco.

Robt. A. Parker, E. P. Jones, Wm. S. Clark, B. R. Buckelew, Barton Mowry to Govr. Riley.

Represent that they were members of the Town Council of Sn. Franco. for 1848, composed of 6 persons.

"That they have been with the Hon. T. M. Leavenworth, Alcalde of the district during the past year, one of the most difficult and embarrassing periods in the history of a newly acquired Territory. That his general character for integrity, prudence,

intelligence, energy & promptness in duties, is good".

His suspension from office has surprised them, and caused painful regret to the majority of citizens of the town & dist. "which has twice placed him in the office (altho' not by his own request) at elections ord.d by the legitimate authority of the Territory" (Gov Mason's).

Considering his suspension a pub. detriment, petition for its removal, and that he be again called upon to discharge his duties as Alcalde, "as the legitimate authority of the district".

+ 1847 May 18 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs
Henry L. Ford
R. Semple
Benj. Kelsey } and 33 others, petition Gen. S. W. Kearney to appoint Wm B. Ide to some office – he being a competent land surveyor & possessing the requisite instruments – and also desirous of practising his profession in the Northern Dept. of Cal.

+ 1847 May 30 Sn. Francisco
Wm. A. Leidesdorff - to Gov. Mason - Party in favor of independence of Cal. from U.S.

Says that the persons opposed to Mr Hyde as Alcalde, are open advocates of Cal. being an independent Govt., and not a territory of the U.S.. They are anxious to get possession of the office to execute their designs - That party are sustained by the Mormon influence - They must be watched, and he, Leidesdorff, will notice carefully every thing that occurs, and inform the Govr.

+ 1848 May 3. Los Angeles
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Vicente Guerrero, 2d Alcalde of Los Angeles.

+ 1848 May 22. San Luis Obispo

John Michl. Price, Alcalde.

+ 1849 Sept. 1 Mont.

Geo: C. Westcott, Bt. Capt. 2d. Infantry - to Sec. of State Halleck
On state of missions Santa Clara & José.

In obedience to orders proceeded to said missions to report upon represent.ns made to the Executive, as to the managt. of the missions & their property by the Priest in charge.

Directed his attention principally to the mission buildings & property, and to the manner in which the priest had fulfill.d the trust confided to him by Genl. Kearney on 22 March 1847.

By that decree the above named missions (and 2 others) and every thing in & belonging to them "were placed under the charge of the Catholic Priests until the proper tribunals could be establish.d) to decide upon various titles and claims made to these missions & property - and the priests as agents of the U.S. Govt. are to be held responsible for the preservation whilst under their charge. Their power was limited to the taking care and preserving from waste". Their control to be only such as the priests could exercise "when the U.S. flag was first rais.d in the territory". - they had previous to that been deprived by the Mex.n authorities of all control or power in the administ.n of the temporal affairs of the missions.

Father José Ma. del Refugio Suarez del Real, missionary of Sta Clara, was under Genl. Kearney's decree chargd. with both that & San José, & has been since.

At a public meeting held at Sta Clara. 21 July, Father Real was charged that he, with or without the cooperation of his Superior Father Anzar had disposed of buildings & other property of the missions Sta Clara, San José, Santa Cruz & San Juan, in contravention of the orders of the Govt., and "in entire disregard of the duties of the aforesaid priest as Curator or guardian of the rights of the Indians thereof."

It was also reported to the Govr. by citizens of San José 2d. July 1849 that under authority of the priest or his agt. buildings belonging to the mission were being torn down — the property neglected & going fast to destruction.

All those charges have provd. true.

The Priest in charge of San José & Sta Clara has "most shamefully & wantonly violated his trust" — he should no longer be allowd. to control the property, but removd. at once — his acts, when not sanctioned by the proper authority since the acquisition of the country by the U. S., should be declared null & void — all property transferred the grantees must be made to surrender to Father Real's successor.

Does not approve of the missions being placed

of any citizen or citizens. Such agent would either require a large salary, or a heavy per centage of the receipts. One gentleman said the agency could be taken, & after defraying the expenses of the missions, keeping buildings in repair &c, "the agent could afford to pay into the Gov^t. Treasury from one to two thousand Dollars a year. This is a very liberal offer when it is supposed that the two orchards and vineyards alone, will yield an income of $25.000 to $30.000. during the present year". The property would not fare better than under Father Real's manag^t.

Father Real has been recalled to Mex. & Father Estanislaus Lehet appoint^d. his successor.

Recommends as best course to pursue under the circumstances is to place the missions under Father Lehet at least for the present, under explicit directions as to their manag^t. — and that he be held to strict accountability for all funds rec^d, & required to make returns at stated periods of all receipts & expenditures, as well as of condition of the property & its affairs.

(The report is accompanied with several doc^s. bearing upon the subject. It is a very long, clear, & apparently exhaustive report)

+ 1848 May 17 Los Angs.

Abel Stearns, Síndico Procurador of the Ayunt.o – to Alcalde Foster.

Municipal revenue & expenses

Amt. collect.d 1st. 4 months of this year $173.–
from duties impos.d by a territorial law on stores, taverns, billiard tables & liquors.
Fines impos.d by Magistrates for petty offences may average $25 pr month, making a total of $68.– pr month.

The average will probably not be larger the rest of the Year.

Expenses actually necessary will not fall short of $135.- pr month, for rent of rooms for courts, salaries of jailor, alguacil, clerk of court, superintend.t of prisoners in pub. works, paper, prison irons, & repairs on jail – leaving a deficit of $67 pr month which must be cover.d by some tax on people of district.

+ 1848 May 16 Los Angs.

Alcalde Foster – to Gov.r Mason – Municipal affairs.

Says that since the Gov. appoint.d him alcalde "displacing thereby the newly elected authorities, an unfriendly disposition on the part of the very

qualified persons, has left ~~my~~ judicial business very much confused & behindhand from the want of competent subordinates". Now lacks the relief of a Second Alcalde, José Vicente Guerrero - Can find no one willing to act as Secy or Notary Public.

The jail very insecure - a new one should be built costing 1000$, but the funds cannot be raisd.

Has refusd to dispose of town lands - doubts its expediency.

Proposes direct tax on property in district worth from $1,000,000 to 1,500,000. - to direct the $1000. - assesd by a committee of citizens. A large portion could be raisd by voluntary subscription, but the bulk would fall on the foreigners.

The lands of the municipality might be leased from year to year, and would probably yield 1000$ yearly.

Accompanies a petition of the 13th signd by a considerable number of prominent citizens askg that the sum of 1000$ be assignd them for municipal needs out of the Civil Fund, by the Govt.

+ 1848 June 22 St. Franco

W. D. M. Howard, S. Brannan & abt. 20 more citizens

Petition the Govr. to appoint an alcalde in the place of John Townsend, whose

absence from the dist. will be longer than is compatible with its interests. Say that such app^t. should no doubt be made from among civilians, "but in consequence of the present anomalous state of affairs here", & the absence of a large number of residents, they propose Lieut. Edw^d. Gilbert, of the 1^st N.Y. Reg^t., as a fit & proper person for the place.

+ 1848 July, 22. San José
Wm Byrne, act^g Alcalde.

+ 1848 July 16. San José
Alcalde Chas. White - ~~[illegible]~~ to Gov^r. Mason - Arrang^t. with Ind^n Chief - Hostility of Californians in dist. to foreigners - Salvio Pacheco.

Reports that José de Jesus, chief of a tribe of San Joaq^n. Ind^s. sent him a messenger that he was coming to the town on 12 Aug^t. with a n^o. of his people & would bring several women & children that he had lately captured in wars with neighboring tribes - that he has had two palavers before with the same chief & 4 or 5 other chiefs - at the 1^st. José de Jesus acknowledged he had been at war with the former Gov^t. of Cal.

and gave assurance of his determination to keep the peace with the present Govt., and thus neither he nor his people would steal any more horses or commit depredations of any kind. Confidence was placed in his word, and some presents were given him — passports were given him & his people to pass unmolested in the dist. — the Californians protested agt. it saying he was an outlaw & should not be protected — but José de Jesus thus far had kept his word, and not only abstained himself from stealg. horses, but when called upon, assisted in ferreting out other horse thieves. He is an intelligent Indn. & influential amongst neighboring tribes — his friendship may be used to advantage.

He goes on relating the attempts made by a native Californian named Pacheco (supposed to be Juan Ygno., & a son of Salvio Pacheco) to murder first a foreigner, and then, himself, the Alcalde, both of whom had to seek shelter from his murderous knife, and from being trampled upon by his horse.

" I got inside of Mr Webber's rails for protection, and called on two Spaniards to take him to the guard house, which they, as I expected, refused."

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" Salvio Pacheco, who is a man of property, and (after the U.S. flag was raised and established)

was imprison.d on suspicion of encouraging the people to arms, and, I believe, is still encouraging them to insubordination; but he is a man capable of acting his part well so as not to be easily detected; he has in his train a host of ignorant believers, and is called a philosopher, and on the whole, in my opinion, is a man who needs watching."

Respect.g the son he says that when Capt. Burton was Alcalde, he order.d Pacheco, for some offence, to be sent to prison. Pacheco step.d to the door, jumped on his horse & bid defiance to the judge & his people. There were marines station.d here then, but for want of horses could not pursue him. He should be brought to justice by all means, or others will follow his example, and foreigners will not be safe. That several persons have ask.d him (the alcalde) to condone Pacheco's offence & he would in future behave himself. But such a course would be bad policy. Asks the Gov.r to send at least 30 or 40 men - (a smaller number would be destroy.d) to support law and order among these people - "a military officer should be Alcalde in the absence of the foreign population - there is not enough of moral honesty in any Californian that I am acquainted with to administer justice where a foreigner's interests are at stake" - No foreigner will take the office;

without risking his life. "Whatever person may be appointed should be warn^d to be on his guard, for these people will make all the professions of friendship in the world to him & his gov^t, when at the same time they would cut his throat, if they could. I speak not with prejudice ag^t them - it is a fact that I have been accused by foreigners of partiality to the natives, and have in all cases, consistent with justice conformed to their usages, believing it to be the desire of our Gov^t to treat them not as enemies, but to win them over by kindness & a faithful administ^n of the laws."

Concludes tendering his resignation of the office on the plea of duty to his family demanding he should look out for his life, for as soon as punishm^t is inflicted on Pacheco, ~~his~~ the latter's friends will attribute it to him, and put him to death. He desires to leave ~~leaves forthwith~~.

+ 1848 Sept 10 San José
Alcalde White - to Gov^r - ab^t the Alcalde's office.

On receipt of letter from the Secret^y of State accept^g his resig^n, he called Mr Byrne & offer^d him

the office, badge &c — but he refused to take charge.

He then gave public notice, under the Gov's Proclamn, for an election of Alcalde, giving 15 days time — but no regard was paid to it by the people.

Wants to know if he is obliged to serve until a successor takes charge. Is willing to act until civil Govt is finally establishd (which he hopes will be soon), provided a sufficient military force is established in San José.

+ 1848 Augt. 30 San Franco district Alcalde T. M. Leavenworth — to Gov. Mason — on his election as Alcalde.

Encloses papers relating to such election held at San Franco Augt 29th, pursuant to Gov's instructions of the 7th. recd. 22d & notified the people on 23d.

"The Alcalde will be sustaind by the popular voice electing him, in the discharge of such duties as Your Exc'y may think proper to leave unqualified. And I respectfully solicit an opportunity of showing to my friends, that I can be just

to myself, my enemies & my country."

Notice for election given to the pub.

"Whereas His Excellency R. B. Mason, Gov.r of Cal.a has given contingent or discretionary direction to the Undersigned, dated State Dept., Territory of Cal., Monterey Aug.t 7. 1848

(which reach.d this office Aug.t 22. 1848)

I, therefore, T. M. Leavenworth, magistrate of the District of San Francisco, hereby give public notice to the Resident citizens to meet at the office of the Alcalde in San Francisco, on the 29.th day of Aug.t, betw. the hours of 10 O'clock A.M. & 4 O'clock P.M., and deposit their votes by ballot for a person to fill the office of 1.st Alcalde of the Dist. of S.n Fran.co

Given under my hand this 23.d day of Aug.t 1848 = T. M. Leavenworth, 2.d Alcalde of the Dist. of San Francisco."

The Judges of election were K. H. Dimmick, W.m Evans & John S. Norris — they certified that said T. M. Leavenworth had 99 votes, & L. D. Hoppie, 76 votes — Leavenworth was declared first alcalde, on said 29 Aug.t —

On the same day W. D. M. Howard, W.m H. Davis, E. P. Jones & 40 others address.d a petition to the Gov.r protesting ag.t the election, declaring the same illegal, for following reasons.

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1st Before the election John Townsend, 1st Alcalde, has return.d & was ready to resume the duties of his office.

2d Gov's proclam.n announg peace directed that due notice should be given for elections - such notice has not been given, as only two days intervene betw. day of notice & that of election - many legal voters were thus shut out

3d Legal voters were rejected at the election, such as those who were formerly Mex.n citizens

4 Those holding the election declaring persons who have not resided in the dist. entitled to vote, whereas those persons who had been absent but a short time at the gold places, having landed property here, were denied the privilege of voting.

Ask the election to be set aside, and a new one order.d

+ 1848 March 20. S.n Fran.co
W. S. Clark to Gov.r Mason - Ab.t Alcalde Hyde

Referring to the recommend.n sent to the Gov.r by Parker, Howard, Leidesdorff & Jones, claiming to represent the town council, for the removal of Alcalde Geo. Hyde, says.

that he, Clark, is a member of that body:

that the communication of those gentlemen does not express his views & is not in accordance with facts as developed in the evidence recd. upon the charges preferred agt. Hyde – that there was no meeting of that body to investigate those charges since last Decr. & the action of those 4 members was not public – he, Clark, was not present, & was not inform^d of the matter at all – Is unwilling to be responsible for the acts of those gentlemen under the circumstances.

+ 1848 May 26 Los Angeles
Col. Stevenson, Command^g South. Milit. Dist. Removal of a Justice

By virtue of his authority removes Francisco Ortega from Office of Alcalde of San Buenaventura; orders him to turn over office, badge & property of the Alcaldia to the successor appoint^d Isaac Callahan.

+ 1848 Nov. 13 Sutter's Fort.

John Sinclair, }
C. E. Picket } Judges of Election to Gov^r.
H. A. Schoolcraft }

Announce that Doctor

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F. Bates, and J. S. Fowler, were on the 11th elected 1st & 2d Alcalde respectively, for dist. of Sacramento.

Whole No. of votes for 1st Alcalde 41, of which Bates obtain'd 39.
Whole no. of votes for 2d Alcalde 29, of which John S. Fowler obtain'd 27

+ 1847 Aug. 22 San Fran.co
Alcalde Boggs of Sonoma – to Gov. Mason – on irregularities of his predecessor Nash.

Reports that Nash surrender'd the rest of the records, but has not accounted for any funds belonging to the town & dist. of Sonoma.

His records of grants of lots show that his acts were all wrong – he would say almost fraudulent in relation to sales of said lots.

He has made out deeds for lots since he has been out of office – many other irregularities are noticed – There is no way of correctg them, in the interest of innocent parties, except by the Gov. appointg a Special

Commission composed of persons of ability & strict integrity — the corrections must be made before any more lots are sold or titles issued — for Nash, among other things undertook to alter the original map or plan & has created much confusion.

People are anxious to continue improving or to complete those already begun.

+ 1847 Sept 6. San Franᶜᵒ.
E. Ward Pell, Inspector of hides & tallow
Wᵐ. Richardson, harbor master.

+ 1847 April 29 Monterey Redoubt.
1ˢᵗ. Lieut Wᵐ. T. Sherman, 3ᵈ. Artilly — to Capt Turner — on nature of exist. Govᵗ. in Cal.

Says that he fully agrees with Alcalde Walter Colton, that as a military officer he (Sherman) is not amenable to his Court for any act he may do in this country — President's Message, Secret. of War's Report, and facts as they exist in the territory all show that the "that the nature of this Govᵗ. is military, and that civil law only exists so far as it is consistent

with the military operations, subordinate to the Gen. in command. Were it otherwise, a native Alcalde might upon an alleged offence arrest & imprison any military officer, no matter how high his rank, and thus defy an entire army. For these reasons & others, I do not consider myself responsible to the civil law as it exists here, but to the proper military authority I am fully bound"

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\+ 1847 Sept 27 La Paz (L. Cal)
Lieut. Col. Henry S. Burton, N.Y. Vol^s. to Sec. of State Halleck - Mont.

Can't send acct. of customs rec^d. in this country during 2^d. q^r. of 1847 - none were rec^d. - From time people here capitulated to Capt Montgomery of U.S. Ship "Portsmouth" till writer's arrival no business was done - there was no any force here to sustain the pub. auth."

Collectors at La Paz, Angel Lebrija. and at San José, Miguel Chiloza, had each a salary of 700$ per year -

Former Sec. of the Gov^r. still employed by him (Burton) with 700$ pr year - under same proviso as the Collectors, "if the revenue will permit of the expenditure". He is of great assistance - an interpreter is employed at 50$ pr month.

He has created a "Juez de 1a. Instancia".

"By the politeness of Fray Ramirez y Arellano, Padre Presidte. in this Peninsula, I have been able to form a tolerably accurate estimate of the amt. of populn. in L. Cal. I give it in the different jurisdictions."

Jurisdn. of La Paz	2000	souls
San Anto.	1000	"
Santiago	1300	"
San José	3000	"
Todos Santos	1500	"
Loreto	1000	"
Comondú, Mulegé & Sn. Ygno.	1000	"
	10,800	"

of these 200 are Indians, very much scattered. In the portion of the country betw. an E & W. line passg. thro. San Ygno. and the frontiers of A. Cal. the amt. of popuen. is 2000."

+ 1848 Feb. 4 Los Angs.

Col. Stevenson. Instructn. to Auxily Alcalde Hilario Morillo, for San Anto.; Sn. Rafael & immediate ranches.

To require all idle Indns. or other persons who have no masters or employers to find a home or employmt., or they must be arrested & set to labor for the public.

or for such persons as will give them employm.t for their food & necessary clothing—
To promptly punish, "according to the laws & customs of the country," all thefts & violations of the peace & good order in the dist.

He is to publish his app.t in the part of the country over which his jurisd.n extends.

+ 1847 May 18 N. Helvetia
Jn.o A. Sutter—to Gen. S. W. Kearney—On Ind.n affairs.

As Sub-Ind.n Ag.t will coöperate earnestly in ending Ind.n depredations & troubles on this frontier.

Indians in this vicinity peaceable—for a number of years past have taken no part with the famous horse-thieves who infest the frontiers to the South—on the contrary, render friendly & efficient service in checking the evil designs of other tribes farther off.

For years he has done his best to cultivate friendly relations with Ind.n tribes far & near, & even made sacrifices to that end, as well as to keep order among them.

Those relations "extended even to the head of the Sacram.to Valley, & 70 or 80 miles up the San Joaq.n"—tho' unfortunately often interrupted, owing to bad conduct of hunters, trappers, "and even some of the frontier residents, who with little or no cause would shoot

them, steal away their women and children, and even go so far as to attack whole villages, killing, without distinction of age or sex, hundreds of defenceless Indians".

Will despatch couriers to the distant chiefs to come in, cease hostilities & become obed[t]; "explaining to them the change of Gov[t], the kind intentions and feelings of the Presid[t], their Great Father towards them" - that if they won't submit, force will make them - however, timely presents will avert the necessity of chastising them.

There are Ind[n] towns high up the S[n] Joaq[n] riv. made up of vagabonds & runaways from Missions &c - they are the depredators now & must be punish[d].

Ind[s] in this immediate vicinity, fond of cultivat[g] the soil - they should be presented with strong hoes, axes, blankets, brown cotton &c.

Great quantity of ground plough[d] this year for the Ind[s] - they will have fine crops of corn, pumpkins, melons &c - some have even wheat fields.

+ 1847 Ap. 19 San Diego
J. J. Warner - to Gen. Kearney - On Indian affairs

Indians in vicin[y] of lower part of Red riv. &

embracing the Caheuillas North of this & S. of San Bernardino pass, form a large body, friendly to Am. Govt., but accustomd for years to raid on property of inhabs. - will no doubt continue the practice - if pursued by troops "innocent and friendly ones might receive that chastisemt. which was intended for the aggressors." This would unite all the Chiefs, not in close alliance now, and render their reduction extremely diffict. - their hostility would be very injurious.

Recommends prompt appt. of a compet. Sub Ind. agt. to reside, if not among them, near by, & preserve peace betw. Inds. & the inhabs., as well as with one another - at same time "prevent any confederation betw. the Chiefs by employing in the event of any depredations by the Inds. of one Chief or Village, a suffict. no. of the other Chiefs to procure & deliver over to the proper authorities the aggressors." Then troops will be unnecessary.

This the policy outlined the best to pursue - it will save expense to Govt. & make the Inds. immediately on our frontier "serve as sentinels, if not as a barrier agt. those inhabitg. Red Riv. & its tributaries."

+ 1847 July 12 N. Helvetia.

Jn. A. Sutter. to Gov. Mason - Indian murders in Sacramto valley & other outrages by whites.

Reports that Saml Smith was sent him by citizens of the Upper Sacramto valley that Antonio Mc Armijo (Califn), Smith & Jnl Egger (foreigners) & residents of Sonoma dist. - 2 weeks previous visited a ranchra, abt 60 miles N. of Fort Sutter - were kindly recd by the Inds, furnished food &c - after remaing ½ hour, they commenced an attack on the defenceless Inds, killd 13, took 37 prisoners whom they carried away as slaves - the case was laid before Alcaldes of Sonoma & this dist.

Yesterday a Chief of the "Yesumney" tribe dwelling on the Cosumney riv., 20 miles from here, complaind that the Californians Rafl Altamirano (alias Rey) & Higuera came to his village on 10th inst & claimd some horses that Lt. Revere of U.S.N. had left with them together with writing papers - took the horses, whipped the Chief severely, cut up his hut, & otherwise abused them - Orders were issued to arrest those men, but they escaped.

+ 1847 Augt. 15 San Franco.
Capt Folsom, Assist. Qr-Master- to Gov. Mason - Arrest of Indn. murderers

Reports that Govr's orders have been carried out - Armijo, Smith ("Growling Smith") & John Egger have been arrested, one at Sutter's, one at Sonoma, & the other here.

Some expenses already incurred, & if the prisoners are brought to trial, many more must be, for attendance of witnesses, travelling expenses &c which must be paid on the spot. - Some one should be empowered to settle such accts, without referring them first to Hd. Quarters, thus facilitating the business of trial &c.

+ 1847 Dec. 20 Fort Sacramento.
Sutter - to Sec. of State Halleck - Statistical & other inform.n on the dist.

With much difficulty complies with Gov's order of 18 Sept. last, to furnish statist.l inform.n on this dist. "comprising the country E. of the San Joaquin & Sacramento rivers -

There is no mail & it is difficult to communicate with the interior.

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"The tame Indians are what is call.d Christ.n Ind.s, & those who have been civilized since the settlem.t of this valley by the Whites, and are employ.d in the Shops of the fort and as vaqueros, and working men on the diff.t farms - many of the wild Ind.s also come into the settlem.t at harvest time and assist in gathering the crops

The wild Ind.s are those who live in their rancherias: those as far as the base of the Mtns are only taken in this census. The Western side of the Californian Mtns is thickly settled with wild Ind.s who are generally at war with the numerous small tribes at the base and do not visit the valley - their number I am not able to give. The Ind.s contain.d in this estimate are divided into ab.t 70 small tribes speak.g some 20 different lang.s"

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No Schools in this district - the White popul.n being scatter.d over a country betw. 3 & 400 miles in extent. a School house will be built next year in a town now being laid out 3 miles below the fort."

One flouring mill by water power in operation - another & the saw mill will begin work in abt one month. Horse power mills & the Tannery have been in oper.n several years.

Dwelling houses principally of adobe - occupied by farmers.

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Wheat rais.d in dist. this season abt 14000 fanegas there are no data to estimate crops of barley, corn, peas, beans &c.

+ 1847 Sept. 1. Los Ang.s

Col. Stevenson - to Gov.r Mason - ab.t San Luis Rey Ind.s & property of the mission.

On 25 Augt had meeting at San Luis Rey with Ind.s - abt 150 men & women - explaining to them thro.' one of the Chiefs, an educated Ind.n speaking Sp. the intentions of U. S. Gov.t - they appear.d well pleas.d with the app.t of a Gov.t ag.t among them, also with the arrang.ts for their welfare. - promised obedience to the ag.t - were assured of protection if well behaved, & of punishm.t if they acted badly. - they were assur.d of strict justice being done them.

Call.d 5 of their Chief men in a room - ask.d them "where the mission furniture & property that had been remov.d could be found." They inform.d 300 sheep had been remov.d to San Juan Cap.o mission - 3 yokes of Oxen, 50 jacks & jennies at other places - Copper & iron Soap Kettles & Copper Stills of value, household furnit.e &c at different places - most of which will no doubt be recover.d by the Ag.t, and his action must not be interfer.d with by Alcaldes of other mission.

distances being very great, he must act freely as well as promptly in all matters relating to his duties as Ind.n Agt. - he ought to be clothed with powers as Special Alcalde - thus he will be able to arrange mission affairs in a short time.

"The San Indians have rais.d a large crop of corn, enough they all say to carry them thro. the winter. I visited all their settlem.ts at Santa Margarita, San Luis, Tamacula, Temaycall, and others on my way to & from S.n Luis Rey, going by one & returning by another road, and I really saw more evidence of comfortable living among them than I saw at most of the ranches of Californians who are regarded as rich men."

+ 1849 Aug. 4 Sonoma

Sub. Ind.n Ag.t Vallejo - to (Gov.r) - Murder of an Ind.n - outrages upon Indians frequent & unpunish.d - String.t Measures needed.

On 3.d Inst. learn.d an Ind.n had been shot - visited the place of the act with Lt Anderson then Command.g the post - found the Ind.n dying - next day investigated the matter.

Murder committed by Benj. Kelly of Sonoma - a man of good stand.g & respectability - cause, an alleged insult & attempt.d violence by the Ind.n to Kelly's

wife. Prior to the killing, the Indn had been tried before the magistrate & sentenced to receive 100 lashes—"after the infliction of the punishmt and discharge of the Indn, Kelly in comp. with several other persons went in quest of him, and upon finding him, Kelly deliberately drew a pistol and shot him thro' the head inflicting a mortal wound".

Murders & outrages agt Inds frequent & committed with impunity—measures most strongt must be adopted to stop that lawlessness, or else this community will be greatly endangerd by retaliation on the part of the Inds.

o 1847 Oct. 30. Sonoma
M. G. Vallejo—to Govr Mason—On Inds & their Character—Futile efforts to civilize them.

(Origl in Sp—Translation on margin by Wm E. P. Hartnell, Govt Interpr.)

Most Excellt Sir: I have sought at all times the means of regulating the managt of Inds, as well for their private benefit, as to amalgamate them as far as possible with the Whites, and that they might be mutually useful to each other; but

in a lawful and decent manner agreeable to the education of the age; but in spite of my vigilance & profound meditations I have found no other but rigor — a strange thing certainly, but it is an undoubtful truth.

This race of people appears to be a peculiar race, and altho. in their youth capable of the best education, when they pass this age, there is no moderate way of inducing them to leave their miserable manner of living like brutes, and consequently they are incompatible with our manners & customs.

The young Ind.s seeing this example are naturally inclined to their customs, and it is very difficult to break them of the habits which they have practised in their tender age & the attraction towards them is irresistible, notwithstanding persuasion, conviction and the ambition to which they might aspire to better their condition in society, be presented to them in the most clear and simple manner.

I, Gov.r, have been for many years the protector of this singular, unhappy, and degraded race, which, if it requires indeed, all the protection of Gov.t to civilize it & free it from atrocious vexations, it is at the same time necessary that it should feel the weight of an iron hand, for otherwise, the white race will perish, they will lose confidence, their property

will suffer greatly, and this handsome portion of Upper Cal. will begin to suffer from the Indians of which hitherto they have been merely witnesses, and which now begin here with all the force of which they are capable.

Vagabondism, scandalous drunkenness, robberies, wounds & murders are committed by the Indns in this jurisdiction with great frequency and immorality & prostitution is the consequence.

Illy understood liberty has broken the reins of subordination; and if this, in civilized society, is an evil of great consequence, what must it be when civilizn is wanting?

My opinion, therefore, is that Yr Excy dictate the necessary measures to stop the above mentioned evils, beginning in the first place by imposing fines and imprisonmt on all those who sell spirituous liquors to Indns. — Secondly, that the persons in whose employ the Indns are, be made responsible for them, except in criminal cases: Thirdly, that they deliver up to the competent authority all seditious Indians. Fourthly, that a place be appointd in each pueblo for gathering together such Indians as have no fixed residence, so that their conduct may be closely watched, appointg alcaldes from amongst themselves who shall have the oblign of making a daily report of occurrences

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to the nearest authority: and Fifthly - to have a spacious and strong prison built, for shutting up those who do wrong, making them labor at pub. works; and that a military cavalry force be established to be destined solely for the persecution and vigilance of the Indns, which force should at present consist of not less than 15 men at this place. The proclamation Yr Excy lately so wisely publishd respectg passports, to remain in force.

Please to accept &c &c.

+ 1847 Oct. 17 San Diego

Danl. C. Davis, Capt. 1st Comp. Mormon Volns, Commandg at Sn Diego - to Col. Stevenson - On affairs of San Diego mission.

Occupant of the mission states he was left in charge of the mission & property Augt 1846 by Father Vicente P. Oliva, now residing at Missn San Juan -

A power of attorney from S. Pe Oliva to José Antº Estudillo shows he still claims jurisdn of the property.

Dn Santiago Argüello has also a claim, purporting to be a sale to him of the mission by Pio Pico, when he was Govr of Cal.

Accordg to the best informn upon Cal. affairs,

the claim founded upon that sale is not valid - besides, the order for the delivery of the property has not been executed

Alleged bill of sale to S. Argüello from Gov. Pico.

A full conveyance and sale to Dn Santiago Argüello of the mission of San Diego in consideration of his long pub. services, and assistance given Govt., for which he has not been indemnified, on the following conditions, viz:

1. He shall pay to the creditors the creditors of the mission
2 From date all expenses to support officiant Curate & pub. worship, to be paid by Argüello
3 No one to allege lesion enorme - any excess in value to remain in favor of the purchaser, no one offering more therefor.
4 Excepted from above sale the Church and all pertaining thereto and the residence of the officiating priest.

Deed purports to bear signature of Pio Pico.

"Remarks: Said mission still in possession of the officiating priest Vicente P. Oliva, Don Santiago told me in a private conversation in June last that he had not claimed possession awaiting the action of the Am. Govt. - that he did not think the Govt. had a right to dispose of the property of the Indns in this manner; but that as others

as others were buying missions, he might as well have one too supposed to have been given Augt. 8, 1846, but ante-dated."

+ 1847 June 7 Mont.
J. L. Moerenhout French Consul - to Govr. - arms & horses seized by U. S. Vols. from Frenchmen.

Presents the claims of two Frenchmen from whom some officers actg in name of U. S. Govt. took a number of arms & horses giving them receipts or docs to legalize their right to the paymt.

States further that the troops under Lt Maddox took away from house of Mons. Peter Richard at Sta Cruz a quantity of arms & eight horses, and from his mill several sacks of flour & grain, all done during Richard's absence - on his return he askd Maddox for vouchers, and the latter instead of complying, had ~~him~~ him imprisoned 2 days.

On 25 Feb. Richard made his complaint to Mr Colton, Alcalde at Monterey; but as nothing had been decided as yet, the Alcalde merely insisted on the recognizance of the flour & grain, leaving the matter of the arms & horses to the

decision of Commodore Stockton.

The Commodore has been here several days, & Mr. Colton having decided nothing abt. Richard's claims, they are laid before the Govr. to obtain justice.

Then there is the claim of Mons. Arnaud Maubé, who notwithstandg his having receipts given him by Messrs. P. Brenard & Ch. M. Weber, has not obtaind. their legalizn. by the Supr. officers.

Requests the return of many of the articles which must still exist here & the paymt. of the rest.

Gov Mason having demanded a report on the subject from Wm A. T. Maddox, Lt U. S. Marines, lat. Commdt. of the Central Dept. Cal. - was informed: referring to his orders from Commodore Stockton and other evidence (all accompanied) - "This Frenchman" (Richard) "did not enjoy any immunity by which he could make his premises the store-house, or place of deposit for arms of a people ripe for revolt, and most of whom were openly in arms. Had he been dispd. to have acted a neutral part, he would have saved his premises from a rigid examination; he would not have left those premises in the possession of the enemy, who of course denied the existence of arms there, but which were found there nevertheless."

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As to the horses, Lt Maddox does not admit that any were taken from Richard by him, "as I made it a point of duty to give receipts in every case - nor did he make any such claim when in my camp, altho' he volunteered to go out with an escort & point out where horses could be found - an escort was sent with him and were out a whole day; but he did not show any, nor were any taken by the party."

Lt Maddox denies having taken any grain from Richard - Some flour was brought by R. to the camp & a receipt given him - he, Richard, alleged & certify.g before Mr Martin "that the grain at his mill belonged to a Mr Linares, who was in arms agt. the U.S." — that having subsequently ascertain.d the flour belong.g to Mrs Linares at Mont., she was p.d for it.

Richard when he first visited his (Maddox's) camp to demand the arms was very insolent & abusive, threaten.g with the powers of his Consul &c - was therefore consider.d a partisan, and detain.d in the camp long enough "to prevent his giving information of my movt.s to the enemy."

Maddox asserts this is not the first time the French Consul has taken up baseless claims of his countrymen & tried to get them recogniz.d by our authorities. Every act of the military

officers in enforcing measures has been "in a conciliatory manner and with a desire to protect the interests of neutrals, and even when there were well-founded suspicions agt. them, to make the restriction as light as was consistent with a due regard to the pub. safety."

Among the docs. accompanied with the above is a copy of letter from Commodore Stockton, dated on board U.S. frigate "Congress" Oct. 17. 1847, in these words: "An insurrection has broken out in the South, and I am informed that the insurgents are seizing indiscriminately saddles, horses & all munitions of war that they can lay their hands on. In anticipation of a similar movt. in your Dept., you are hereby authorized & ordered to seize all horses, saddles and munition of war that you may find, which will be likely to fall into the hands of those who may be disposed to revolt, giving receipts for all articles taken from persons friendly disposed."

Docs. B & C. are copies of letters from Lt. Mont. Martin & Sergt. Josiah H. Swain to Maddox, corroborating the latter's statemts.

Docs. D. E. F. & G accompanied by Maddox are copies of a letter from French Consul Moerenhout & other papers — abt. a claim that

the Consul made in behalf of a Frenchman, & which the latter subsequently recanted. - submitted to prove that Moerenhout was somewhat given to prefer baseless claims -

+ 1847 May 3 Santa Clara.
Geo: W. Bellomy - to Gen. Kearney, Gov of Cal.
Sufferings & complaints.

Relates a long story of wrongs suffered at the hands of natives and even at the hands of the Am. authorities in return for reliable information furnish^d them regularly from time to time on the state of affairs in the dist., and for other services of a mechanical nature render^d. Complains of Burton the Alcalde, formerly a run away sailor, who has by false decisions & false imprisonment made him suffer - Assures the Gen. he has suffer^d more in 10 months than ~~of late~~ for three years before.

Concludes: "I am clear of opinion now, if we had continued the Bear Flag we would now be in better condition in this vicinity".

+ 1847 Aug^t. 16. S^n Francisco
W^m A. Leidesdorff, W^m D.M. Howard, E. P. Jones, and a large number of other residents.

Petition Gov^r. Mason to appoint John Townsend, Alcalde, to succeed George

Hyde, who, it was understood, was on the point of resigning said office.

Another petition states that the 2d Alcalde in office at the time the Am. flag was hoisted, has since that event declined to act - and Thad M. Leavenworth is recommended for the position.

+ 1847 June 27 San José
George Hyde, to the Govr. - on Mormon newspaper assertions.

Sends a copy of the "Star", the Mormon paper, containing a hit agt. him, Hyde, under a very smooth artl. upon military govt.

Asserts that the Mormons abuse him because they are aware that he exerts his whole power & ability to stem their influence.

+ 1847 June 29 Sonoma
Alcalde Boggs to Govr.

All efforts to get the town records from Nash, the former Magistrate, unsuccessful - he refuses to surrender them.

1847 June 20 Sta Cruz
Wm Thompson, 2d Alcalde.

Walter Colton, Chief Alcalde of Monterey reports to Govr that inasmuch as said Thompson intends to leave Sta Cruz dist., it is necessary to appoint an energetic person to take his place.

+ 1847 June 21. San Franco
Capt J. L. Folsom - to Govr Mason - disorderly condition of the town, causes &c

Disorders & irregularities prevailing in the village constantly on the increase - at this time it is one of the worst of its size he has ever seen.

Town full of drunken Indns, Kanakas, runaway sailors &c. - always on Sundays, & frequently on week days most disgraceful scenes of fighting, intoxication & clamor seen. No adequate measures adopted to suppress them, or to punish the offenders. Orderly people will have to resort to mob law for protection of life and property. - "For the last three months the duties of the alcalde have been performed

with culpable remissness. About a week since Mr Hyde, the present Alcalde, left the place without leaving any one to attend to his duties, and within that time the village has been the scene of the most disgraceful disorders

In San José it is even worse than in San Francisco.

Whale ships soon expected in San Fran^co^ & if the Alcalde don't make an effort to stop disorders, vessels will be left without crews - owners will suffer, and the reputation of Gov^t. "be degraded."

There is no excuse for not preserving order here, "for a military guard is within a stone throw of the Alcalde's office, and is always at his service if he meets with resistance."

+ 1847 June 23 Sonoma

John H. Nash, Alcalde - to Gov^r. Mason. - ab^t. pub. Records.

Declines to comply with the Gov^r's order of 7^th inst. requiring him to deliver to Mr L. W. Boggs, certain papers and records belonging to his office, "until it shall be shown to me, in a just & proper manner, that I have not the legal right to exercise the proper functions of the first Magistrate of the district of Sonoma" - declines

to recognize Boggs as Alcalde.

+ 1847 June 18 Mont.
Alcalde Colton - to Gov. Mason.

Asks a small military force, for abt. 1/2 hour, to break up a faro-bank in the town, producing much misery & distress among its victims.

+ 1847 Augt. 22 Santa Cruz
Alcalde Wm. Blackburn - to Govr. Mason - on execution of criminal.

Has heard from Judge Colton of Mont. that he, Blackburn, transcended his powers in causing the execution of the murderer Pedro Gómez - In the absence of laws to govern his conduct, & of military force to guard prisoners, & of the necessity of troubling the residents to stand guard upon a very poor prison, he had to do the best he could - the murder was a most shocking one, & he had the criminal "executed as soon as decency would permit after his trial."

+ 1847 May 30 San Francisco.

Major James A. Hardie, Command'g North'n Milit. Dist - to Col. Mason

Proceed'gs of a pub. meeting relative to app't of Geo. Hyde as Alcalde.

Encloses a placard calling a pub. meeting that took place at time appoint'd - the notice was of so objectionable a character that he deem'd it his duty to attend, and to remark in the early part of the evening "that any attempt on the part of any persons in the district which I command to exercise the right of electing an Alcalde, when one already is legally appointed by Gen. Kearney, would meet with the decided reprehension of the military authorities in the district, and that no such attempt could be permitted"; and added that Mr Hyde would have all the moral & physical support of the U.S. forces. He also expressed the hope "they would confine themselves to an exercise of the privilege of petition to the Gov'r without any asserting of rights or other insubordinate act." The resolution offer'd was much discussed & lost by a large majority - another resolution "expressive of confidence in the judicial abilities & fairness of Mr Hyde" was pass'd & the meeting adjourned.

The placard was a printed one, and read:

"The People's Voice Stifled by intriguers
People of San Francisco, rally for your rights!!!
A majority of your number have petitioned the

Govr of this Territory to appoint John Townsend Esqr to succeed Edwin Bryant Esqr, as Alcalde of this district. Intrigue has defeated the voice of the people — George Hyde is appointed!!! Will you submit to this? The unrevoked Proclamation of Govr Stockton gives you the privilege of electing Alcaldes for yourselves — The laws of California guarantee the same Right.

Assemble at Brown's Hotel at seven o'clock this evening, and assert your Rights =
San Franco May 30th 1847. = Many of the People!

+ 1847 May 27 Sonoma
Alcalde Boggs — to Govr Kearney — on jurisdiction of Alcalde of Alcalde, & on judicial powers of Alcaldes in general.

Does not Know how far his jurisdiction extends. Gen. Vallejo says it embraces all the territory on this side of the bay & this side of the Sacramento river — that Alcaldes at Bodega, San Rafael & Napa are under Alcaldes subordinate to the Alcalde at Sonoma — Would like to Know if records at Mont. throw light upon subject.

Understands an Alcalde's judicial authority in actions for debt extends only to $99 7/8 — frequent applications to him occur for larger sums. Believes large claims should await the establisht. of proper

tribunals, unless special power is given to alcaldes, if necessary, to try cases exceeding that sum.

In criminal causes should the Constitution of the U.S. be consider'd in force here - it requires indictmt. by a Grand Jury - "Would it not be proper in all criminal cases to call a grand jury of the vicinage to be empannelled for the purpose of indicting?

Ends saying there is no prison where to have prisoners in safe keeping - hitherto they have been placed in charge of the military, but the Capt here dislikes to take charge of them.

\+ 1847 May 29 Sonoma
Wm. W. Scott - to Gov. Mason - abt Alcalde Nash.

Says he knows Nash well - is unfit for Alcalde. "his conduct here lately has been ridiculous denying your authority, and calling upon a certain class of people to stand up in bold defiance for their rights."

+ 1847 May 26 Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs - to Govr. Kearney - abt. Alcalde Nash's conduct, and pub. matters in the district.

The archives of this dist. are yet in possession of Mr Nash, for he has access to them tho' they are deposited in the garrison - he has the Key that unlocks the case containing them - refuses to surrender them or point them out - still claims to be rightfully an officer, and has even exercised the powers of Alcalde at least in one instance, "by permitting a suit to be instituted before him and tried, and this trial was held in day time in a room in the garrison".

Nash & his supporters have held a meeting & are circulating petitions for signatures, praying the Govr. to reinstate him - and yet, in the same breath condemn the Govr.'s action in having removed him - The masses of the people do not act thus - it is all the work of a lawyer Green, Nash himself, and "artificial stimulus, viz brandy." The whole thing is manufactured -

Nash's behavior, temperament, prejudices & lack of proper attainments disqualify him.

To put down lawyer Green, the Nashes, and such, recommends the Govr. to station in Sonoma an

officer of regular army of U.S. and a reliable company of regular troops — It is proper to do so as this is the only military post North of the bay.

Respecting deeds for town lots, Gen. Vallejo seems to be the only person competent for making titles to lots in the town of Sonoma, the site of which was already granted & confirmed by the Mex.n Gov.t to the inhabitants of the pueblo. "I do not see that the change of Gov.t could change his position in this respect — all the deeds made for lots taken up in this town, before the U.S. took possession of the country, were made by him — the former Mex.n Alcaldes never pretended to exercise the power at this place." He transferred to Nash the map & papers thinking he had nothing more to do in the premises, but he was in error — "he could not transfer his authority to another, any more than I could transfer my authority as Alcalde to another." He ought to be again placed in charge with the same powers he had under the Mex.n Gov.t

Mr Nash, as Alcalde, has sold lots & rec.d money for them & is not under bonds — a Receiver of pub. money of the town should be named & placed under bond, and Mr Nash be made to disgorge the pub. funds.

+ 1847 June 5 San José

Antº Suñol, Dolores Pacheco, José Noriega, José Fernandez, Julian Hanks, Wm Fisher, Isaac Branham, & Felix Buelna, constituting a Junta of the Pueblo

Petition Gov Mason to appoint at once an Alcalde for the place, as the present incumbent John Burton, is unwilling to continue serving – also that a small force be stationd. here to uphold supremacy of the laws, and ~~check~~ decide the constant disputes between foreigners & natives abt horses & other property "taken during the late war." A corporal's guard may be enough to under the Alcalde's control – otherwise no alcalde can serve.

+ 1847 May 22 San Franco.

Wm Pellett, and a large number of residents Americans, Native Californians & foreigners.

Petition Govr Kearney to appt. George Hyde Alcalde of San Franco to fill vacancy occasiond by resignation of Edwin Bryant, having full confidence in his ability & integrity. Another

petition numerously signed, with many prominent men among the signers, recommends John Townsend to succeed Edwin Bryant

+ 1847 May 15 Pueblo de los Angeles
Col. Stevenson - to Brig. Gen. Kearny - abt Civil Authority in San Bernardino Dist.

Indians in the dist. quite troublesome - people could protect themselves, if there was a proper officer to enforce the laws.

An act of the Legislature confirm.d by Gov. Pio Pico 4 March 1846 made Guaipa, San Bernardino, Negrolitan, Jurupe, Huapa & Cucamunga into a separate dist. - Benj. Wilson was appointed Juez de Paz - Wilson having resign.d Louis Robideau was appointed by Commodore Stockton as Gov.r of Cal., Augt 20. 1846 - Stockton caused an election - Robideau was elected, Sept 15, 1846 -

Alcaldes of Los Angeles claim jurisd.n over the dist. & have appoint.d a subordinate Justice, who is inefficient - neither he nor Robideau are obeyed -

It is necessary that a Justice with full powers be appointed to check Ind.n depredations & preserve peace in the neighborhood. There are reliable

men in the district, Wilson, Robideau & others friendly to Am. occup.n, whose arms were taken away by the U.S. troops - now have no means of defence agt. Indians & other depredators of their property. If arms are return.d them they can protect themselves.

+ 1847 May Sonoma
Wm. B. Ide & abt 70 more

Held a meeting & resolved to address the Gov.r - they did so recommending John H. Nash to be continued as Alcalde of the dist. State that those who have asked for his removal, have misinformed the Gov.r, prompted by personal animosity, and without consulting pub. interests.

That Nash was elected by a large majority of the citizens of the dist. all of whom are well satisfied with his official conduct. - that he has discharged the duties of the office discreetly and faithfully

+ 1847 May 1 San José

Wm. Fisher — José Noriega
Isaac Branham — Ja. W. Weekes
Dolores Pacheco — Anto. Suñol
José Fernandez — Julian Hanks
Felix Buelna — Charles White.

Represent to Govr. Kearney that they were elected by the people of the dist. as a Junta for the better regulation of the same.

That the Alcalde has shown them two letters from the Govr. respectg a case in law betw. Gabriel Castro & Anto. German, wherein the Govr. decides the case "taking hearsay for testimony, and perhaps that of an interested party

Your memorialists would take this opportunity to inform Your Excy that we have every confidence in Your Excelly's administn of justice; but we would at the same time recommend that Yr. Excy would not admit the statemts of any individual to set aside the legal proceedings of law, when the offl. proceedgs can be obtained by demandg them"

John Burton, the Alcalde, on sendg the foregoing on the 3d. says he laid the letters before the Junta, because he felt his rights invaded; that he has served when few would be willing to do so, and has done

his duty to the best of his ability both to the Govt & people -
that he told the Senator "if the rights of the Court were invaded by setting aside legal testimony and taking hearsay for the decision of cases, I was unwilling to serve any longer"

+ 1847 May 2. San Franco.
Edwin Bryant, Alcalde - to Gov Kearney

Resigns his office to take effect as soon as his successor can be appointed.

+ 1847 Apl 16 San Diego
Henry D. Fitch, Justice of the Peace.

+ 1847 June 29 Sonoma
Alcalde Boggs - to Gov Mason - Mont.

Mr Reed has entd. upon his duties as Sheriff.

Nash, the former alcalde, refuses to deliver the town records - he gave up a few, but the important ones, without which the Court cannot act, he has concealed -

Neither Mr Boggs, nor Capt Brackett, the Commandt, can do any more in the premises - Govr will have to adopt measures, and make such an example of Nash that others will hereafter be deterred from a similar course. Nash places the Govr & all others in authority at defiance.

+ 1847 July 2. San Francisco.
Major Hardie - to Govr Mason - disorderly state of the place.

During Alcalde Hyde's absence - disorders and licentious conduct of the vicious were so great that they could not be overlooked; peace & security of good citizens demanded that they should be abetted - To effect it he gave an acting appt. to Mr Frank Ward as Alcalde to discharge duties as such officer. Appt. to cease on return of Mr Hyde - which was done on Tuesday last that Hyde came back.

+ 1847 Feb. 26 Sonoma
Alcalde Jno. H. Nash — to Gov. Kearney.

Urges the necessity of providing the office of the civil magistrate with an interpreter & translator of the Sp. lang. to facilitate adminisn. of justice to all, native & foreign.

Most of the important this side of the bay is transacted at Sonoma — most of the property holders are Sp. entirely unacquainted with Am. customs, manners, laws & lang. His ignorance of the Sp. lang. hinders him from discharging his duties properly.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 San José
Charles White & 6 others — to Gov Mason

Protest agt the admission of James F. Reed and John Murphy, as members of town council, on the plea that they were not elected by ~~the~~ any considerable vote — most of the voters having taken no part in such election — that they are not residents — have no avocation except gambling — & Reed acknowledg. killing a man — says that in self defence which may or may not be true — he has not undergone a trial —

That James W.

Weeks, appointed Alcalde for the dist. is entirely unfit for the position. They abstain from bringing forward charges agt him, because they donot wish to injure him unnecessarily; but if he is not removed, they are prepared to prefer the charges.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 San José

Alcalde Weekes – to Gov. Mason – Election of municipal council

Reports the following persons duly elected on 15 ult.o (sic) – (only two or three natives attended) as town council.

José Noriega – Salvador Castro –
James T. Reid – Thomas Cambell
Robt. B. Mleigh – John Murphy,

+ 1847 Oct. 5. San Diego

Robt. Cliff, Justice of the Peace –

+ 1847 Nov. 21. San Juan Bautista

José M.a Sanchez, Alcalde – to Gov.r

advises having turn.d over office to Julian Urzúa, duly elect.d to succeed him.

+ 1848 Ap. 17 San José

Alcalde White – to Gov.r Mason – on trials by jury.

Referring to his decision in the case agt. Pedro Badillo, says, he tried & sentenced him without a jury, because, in a former case of a man accused of selling liquor to the Ind.ns, contrary to Gov.r's proclam.n, he call.d a jury of 6 men, half foreigners & half Californians – there were two witnesses, who clearly prov.d the fact, and yet his countrymen would not find him guilty – called another jury in same manner, which ended like the first, in refusing to find against their countryman. Eventually he sentenced the culprit to the lowest penalty, but afterwards remitted a part of the sentence.

+ 1847 Dec 5. Sonoma

Alcalde Boggs – to Gov.r Mason

Reports following persons duly elected on the 3.d Inst, under Gov.r's instructions to form town council.

Lewis Fine, John G. Ray, John Lewis, Jacob P. Leese, Jesse Beasly, H. A. Greene.

Asks Gov.r to issue his certif.s to them that they may act. Supposes their powers same as those of Council of San Fran.co

+ 1847 Dec. 26 San Diego
D. C. Davis, Capt. of Mormon Vols. - Commandr.

+ 1847 May 26 Sta Barba.
Lt Col. Henry S. Burton, Commdt. - to Govr Kearney - Elections of Alcaldes.

Under instructions of Col. Mason, inhabitants of Sta Barba. met on 25 Apl. "for the purpose of electing 3 persons to receive the votes and to be the judges of an election to be held in Sta Barba. on the 2d. of May 1847 for the purpose of choosing 7 electors &c"

The 7 electors chosen on 2d. May - subsequent Sunday they elected Pablo de la Guerra, 1st Alcalde, & Luis Carrillo, 2d. Alcalde.

"There has been some little feeling manifested by the Alcaldes respecting their oath of office". For want of a proper person to administer the oath, it has not been administered either accordg to Am. or Mexn. law.

Guerra calld. the people of Sta Barba. together and swore before them to administer justice according to best of his ability - and requird. same oath from the 2d. Alcalde.

"When I offerd. the appts. signd. by you ...... they declined them, saying, that by the Mexican laws, the Alcaldes recd. their appts. from the

seven electors and not from the Gov."

+ 1847 Oct. 30 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs
& M. G. Vallejo } to Govr Mason - Proceedings in trial of Antº Armijo, Robt Smith & Jnº W. Eaker, accused of murder of Indians.

Accompanyg the papers of proceedings had in these cases, in conformity to Govr's order of 19 Augt last - Showing all the facts the Court was able to elicit from the testimony -

The accused had fair & impartial trial by intellig. & respectable juries, and were acquitted of the charges agt them - & then set at liberty.

Send also statemt of fees & other charges for jurors, witnesses & officers - total amt $1789.50 which does not include what was due to Capt. Jnº A. Sutter & the Sheriff of Sacramento.

In a letter of 27th same month, Capt. J. E. Brackett, Commandg at Sonoma, reported to Govr Mason that these persons, accused of Indn murders were tried separately on the 25 & 26, & acquitted. "It seems that Capt. Sutter did not even take an affidavit

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against these men until some time in the present month: as you will perceive the affidavit is very singular & imperfect." That the men wished the Govr. written on their behalf to obtain redress for their long confinemt., loss of their time, & injuries their crops sustained from neglect. Armijo was the only one who claimd. compensation for loss of crops.

The above trial took place under an order of Col. Richd. B. Mason, Govr. of Cal., appointing Mariano G. Vallejo & Jno. A. Sutter, citizens of Cal. & Sub-Indn. agt., "Special Commissioners or Judges to hold a Court at or near Sutter's Fort on the Sacramento at such early day as may be most convenient for the trial of Antonio M. Armijo, Robt. Smith (commonly called "Growling Smith") and John Egger, each and severally charged with the murder as well as the capturing & carrying off into slavery of several peaceable Indians some time abt. the latter part of June or early in July 1847."

A. M. Morrison was appointd. by the Court Clerk to record its proceedings - Geo. McKinstry Junr., Sheriff - H. A. Green, Counsel to the Court - Edmund P. Crosby, Interpreter -

On 15 Sept. Govr. Mason appointed L. W. Boggs of Sonoma an additional

"Special Commissioner or Judge" for the trial of the 3 accused. The Commissioners or Judges to meet on 25 Oct. at Sonoma," a change of venue being hereby made to that place instead of Sutter's fort as before directed."

The trials took place in Sonoma. L. W. Boggs & M. G. Vallejo, actg as Judges. Capt. Sutter did not attend, being prevented by illness.

+ 1847 Oct. 18 San Luis Obispo.
José Mariano Bonilla, Alcalde. to Gov. Mason.

Assures him of his strong desire to coöperate in the good work of preserving order & administering justice, but that the necessity of seeking means for the support of himself & family, forces him to change his residence, & resign the office of Alcalde & judge which he has been discharging during the last year & more. Begs the Gov. to appoint his successor, or to order an election by the inhabitants.

+ 1847 Sept. 15 Mont.

Commodore Shubrick - to Govr. Mason - abt. retaining Walter Colton as Alcalde of Mont.

Is aware of the importance of Mr Colton's services in existg. State of Affairs in Cal. as Alcalde of Mont., & will not withdraw him at present - Requests, however, that the Govr. inform him as soon as possible when a suitable person may be obtaind. to take his place, as his services in the squadron are also needed (he was a Chaplain)

+ 1847 .... no date - Benicia City
(Endorsd.- recd. Dec. 31. 1847)

E. H. Von Pfister, Stephen Cooper & 26 others - On formation of a new district with an Alcalde.

Petition the Govr. to form a new dist. not to extend within 12 miles of town of Sonoma, with the natural boundy Napa river.
Describe Benicia, & say the settlemt. & business are rapidly encreasing, & at times there is great need of an alcalde.
Dist. to embrace - Beginning at the embarcation at head of tide water on the Napa river with the river to its mouth, thence up the Straits of Carquinez

and the Suisun bay to mouth of the Sacramento, thence up the Sacramento to the head of the present dist. of Sonoma; thence with the top of the Mountain to the Gap or Valley leading from Suisun to the Soscol ranch; thence with the place to place of beginning including ranch of Cayetano Juarez on the Napa river.

+ 1847 Dec. 19 Los Angeles

Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - On election of improper persons for 1st & 2d Alcaldes - Necessity of annull'g such elections & using the appoint'g power

Elections for Alcaldes took place yesterday afternoon - parties elected very improper ones - they are unfit for the office - well known to be among the worst citizens, "as well as most violent enemies to the American authorities".

Palomares, chosen 1st Alcalde, "during the last outbreak took the body of an American (one of Gillespie's men), who had been killed in battle, from the grave where it had been buried, and dragged it by the neck to a ditch where he threw it swearing it should not have Christian burial."

The other, Sepúlveda, "is an ignorant Scoundrel" — had himself chosen because he has a suit in the Alcalde's court, "involving a large amt of property in which the orphan families of two ~~families~~ americans have a 3/5 interest." If he & Palomares are alcaldes, Sepúlveda's relatives will be sure to suffer — he is well known for many infamous acts.

That he has been requested by many respectable persons to urge on the Govr to appoint the Alcalde Foster, Juez de 1a instancia — thus he will have the entire review of the Alcalde's acts.

+ 1847 Dec. 3. San Juan Capistro

John Forster, Alcalde — to Govr Mason — his resignation & reasons

Says he has endeavord to do his duty to the best of his ability — but finds it necessary to resign his commission — because he has been interrupted in the discharge of it — the law had been taken out of his hands by the Indn Agt, "who has established a Court for the trial of cases at San Luis Rey, paying no attention to my repeated protestations & solicitations to him to have those cases brought before me, as being the proper authority" . . . . . .

Complains further that in his instructions he was required to call, in case of need, for assistance on the Military - he has done so on two occasions, and his applications were ignored - the effect of the Indn Agent's influence, or of counter orders from higher Authority.

In either case, the Alcalde's authority has become null.

Many abuses are being committed; Indn depredate, and others who are not Indn - Many suffer, among them some who have been good friends to the Americans - they wish these things laid before the Govr feeling convinced that they will be stopd as soon as known.

+ 1847 July 3d San José
Jos. W. Weeks & others - to Govr Mason

Object to the municipal elections effected in the town as being illegal - Recommend the Govr to appoint 3 Californians & 3 Ams to act as town councilmen - following persons proposed.
Dolores Pacheco, José Noriega, Salvador Castro, Wm Fisher, Thos Campbell, & Julian Hanks.

+ 1847 Dec. 1. Los Ang.
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Recommends that as Henry D. Fitch, now return. to San Diego, does not want to act as Alcalde, the acty one Lieut. R. Clift, must continue in charge, & as he is very popular with the people, should be retain. for next year.

+ 1848 Feb. 5 Mont.

Gab. de la Torre
Ant. Mendoz
Ign. Esquer
James Stokes
Thos. O. Larkin
Wm. R. Garner

Principal, and securities bound jointly & severally in sum of $5000.- to U.S. Authorities in Cal.

Conditions of the obligation: If said La Torre abstain during present war betw. U.S. & Mex., from taking any part, either by counseling, aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly in any revolutionary or other measures calculated to disturb the pub. quiet of Cal., then this oblig.n to be null & void, otherwise to be of full force & effect in law." - Witness to the bond W. E. P. Hartnell.

+ 1848 Nov. 15. Honolulu
R. C. Wyllie, Minister of Foreign Affairs – to Gov Mason
Hawaiian Consul

Advises appt. by the King of Geo. Trail Allan to be Consul for all ports in Cal. & requests that he be allowd. to act until an exequatur can be obtaind. from U. S. Govt. –

+ 1847 Dec. 28 San José (Confidential)
J. S. Ruckel – to the Govr. on affairs of the pueblo.

Matters which were originally bad, are growing worse & worse – large portion of the populn. lazy, addicted to gambling, have no visible means of livelihood, & of course must support themselves by stealing cattle or horses.

Neither the former Alcaldes Burton, tho' strictly upright, ~~neither~~ ~~and~~ Weeks command the respect which an Alcalde ought to among the inhabt.

Wanted an alcalde "who is not afraid to do his duty and who knows what his duty is – also "a town council to carry out the laws, and see that he does his duty.

Capt Fisher would make a very good Alcalde, but could not be prevaild. on to accept the position.

The best one after him to appoint is Mr Charles White, who is competent and understands the lang. & has experience in the duties having served some time in the Alcaldía with Burton as clerk.

Election of a new town-council is impossible. The appt. coming from the Govr. will have a good effect on the native popul.n

Asks the petition for troops to be stationed here "if a promiscuous body of 25 men of N. Y. Vols. should be sent here, they would in a short time bring about the very state of affairs which we are all so anxious to avoid. However, I am confident that if a sergt. with six picked temperate men could be sent here to guard the prison & prisoners and aid the alcalde in arresting refractory convicts, they would do much good, as it is now impossible to keep a prisoner after arresting him."

+ 1847 Feb. 26 Los Angeles

J. C. Frémont, Govr. of Cal. — Pardon to Juan Bta. Moreno

By virtue of his power, "and in the intention of contributing of contributing to the tranquillity of the territory by the return of its citizens to their families and homes", granted

a full pardon to said Moreno "for any acts committed during the recent hostilities, agt the Govt of the U. S., and do further assure to him a free passage and entire security of property and person.

+ 1847 Feb. 10 Mont.
Capt Mariano Silva } officers of Mex.
Lieut. Macedonio Padilla } formerly in service in Cal.
to Commodore Shubrick - ask for a passage to Mex.

Hacen presente que desde el 7 de Julio del año ppdo que las fuerzas Ams ocuparon á Monterey, se les ha considerado á los solicitantes como prisioneros de guerra por el Comodoro Stockton - firmaron su parole, y como hombres de honor la han cumplido hasta ahora - durante estos 7 meses no han recibido ningun socorro pa su subsistca del Gefe que los puso en la clase de prisioneros de guerra.

Suplican que el Comodoro Shubrick les de pasage en algo de los buques de su mando á Mazatlan, San Blas ó Acapulco.

o 1848 July 12. Head-Qrs South.n Milit. Dist.s - Los Angeles. Col. Stevenson - to Gov.r Mason. Arrival of Pio and Andrés Pico.

I have the honor to announce the arrival of Dn Pio Pico at San Juan Capistrano on Sunday last - he is expected here today or tomorrow. I do not learn that he has any communications for you.

Don Andreas Pico has called upon me with a letter (a copy of which is enclosed) from the Mex.n Genl., commandg the South.n Mex.n Dept., address.d to the Military Command.t in Cal. - it was sent to Don Andreas as the last known Mex.n Command.t in the country. Don Andreas will inform this officer by the first opportunity that this country is entirely and peaceably in the possession of the American Authorities, and that altho. he was the last Command.t, he is now, not only without a Command, but by the treaty, with Fremont, is upon his parole and cannot assume the least direction or control of milit. matters.

+ 1848 July 22 San Fran^co

W. D. M. Howard
C. V. Gillespie
Jas. C. Ward } Committee of a meeting of citizens of S.^t Fran^co.

to Gov.^r Mason - on receiv.^g gold ore as security for duties

Accompany the proceedings of a meeting held last evening at the City Hotel - and request that the matter be immediately taken into consid.^n & acted upon.

Resolutions adopted at the meeting.

1. That Gov.^r be petitioned to appoint one or more assayers to test the quality of the gold taken from the placers at the Sacramento.

2 Gov.^r be ask.^d to extend the time allowed for the redemption of the gold dust deposited as collateral security for paym.^t of duties, to 6 months, so as to allow time for the import.^n of coined money into the country for that purpose.

3.^d Gov.^r be requested to appoint a competent person to superintend the conversion of gold into ingots of convenient weights, the same to be stamped with the person's name furnishing the gold to be cast, the weight, and if possible, its fineness in reference to standard - the said officer to keep a record of all

gold cast, the expenses of casting to be defrayed by the person furnishing the raw material — (Not Carried)

4 Appointmt. of a ~~committee~~ to petition Congress to establish a mint in this town — the petition to be circulated in the Sacramento valley & elsewhere, for signatures — The said Committee to consist of C. V. Gillespie, Jas. C. Ward, W. D. M. Howard, & Capt. Joseph L. Folsom, U. S. Army.

+ 1847 Dec. 8 Mont.

Govr Mason — to Mrs Hetty C. Brown — S. F. Co on divorces.

"Neither he nor any alcalde possess any authority to grant a divorce". . .

"If your husband has abandoned you and left the country with no intention of returning and without providing you with any means or resources whatever, I am of opinion, there being no law in Cal.a that I can either find or hear of on the subject of divorces, that he should be viewed as tho.' he was dead so far as you are concerned."

+ 1848 July 27 Mont.

Walter Colton, C. Wolter, Milton Little, Jas Watson, Talbot H. Green, D. Spence, J. S. Ruckel, Thos O. Larkin & José Abrego
Citizens of Mont.

petition the Govr that gold wrought in the convenient shapes, may be recd at the C. House & end saying, "unless it can, importations must cease, or ruinous sacrifices be made."

+ 1847 Feb. 26 Sonoma

L. W. Boggs, Presidt } of a public
Jno H. Nash, Secretary } meeting—

A committee of 5 appointd to lay before Genl Kearney the resolutions of the meeting, viz: H. A. Green, J. H. Nash, M. G. Vallejo, Capt. Grigsby, & M. E. McIntosh.

Resolutions:

"That the attention of Gen. Kearney, the Govr & Commander in Chief be earnestly & respectfully called to the subject of giving to the North side of the bay of San Franco a fair and equal representn in the proposed legislative council, according to the number

of the white population, compared with other sections of Cal., the importance of their various interests & the extent of habitable country. We hesitate not to state upon the best authority, that there is atleast 1/3^d. of the whole white popul^n. of Cal. that reside North of the bay: and, indeed, it is well known that at least 2/3 of the volunteers engaged in the late contest in Cal., claim the North side of the bay as their future place of residence. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend to the Command^g Gen., if the same comes within the purview of his powers, to encrease the council to 15 members, & to grant to the north side of the bay, 5 of that number, and to give to the people the right of electing the said members. If, however, the granting of this request should be incompatible with the Gen. in Chief's instructions from the Gov^t. of the U. S., we would then & in that case, respectfully present to him the names of Gen. M. G. Vallejo, L. W. Boggs, Capt. John Grigsby, Stephen Cooper, Capt Richardson, as suitable persons to be appoint^d. members of said council."

And that if the Gen. could not appoint so many members, then select as many as he may think proper from the above named. (There is an endorse-

mt. – "March 3d. – Wrote to Mr Bryant, Alcalde at Yerba buena, to inform all concern'd. that there would not be a legislative council.")

The Alcalde Boggs, same day, laid another petition before Gen. Kearney to station a portion of the U. S. land forces in Sonoma (from 50 to 80 men) which would accrue no other expense to the Govt. than their transportation, as barracks exist here belonging to U. S. – provisions plentiful & cheaper than at Yerba buena.

Also request the establishmt. of a regular mail from Yerba buena to Sonoma & to the Sacramento.

The petition sign'd. by M. G. Vallejo, H. A. Green, M. G. McIntosh, John H. Nash, Jno. Grigsby, Committee of the pub. meetings.

1848 Nov. 25 (Mont)

Govr. Mason – to E. C. Kemble – on organiz'g Govt. for Cal.

(a private letter)

It appears I did not convey to you my exact meaning in the conversation I had the pleasure to have with you last evening; what I wished to convey was this, that if on the receipt of the intelligence that Congress had adjourn'd. last summer without organizing a territorial govt. for Cala., that then the people

should organize a temporary govt. for themselves; that this intelligence (the Adjournt. of Congress) it was expected would be recd. by the St Mary's now due & daily expected.

+ 1848 Sept. 18. Oregon City.
Geo: Abernethy, Govr. of Oregon - to Govr. Mason of Cal. On Supplies of Ammunition & Condition of Oregon.

Recd. the liberal supply of arms & ammunn. sent him by Mason - all stored in said city - "Should the jurisdn. of the U.S. be extended over us, or troops come out for our protection, will immediately on their arrival turn all over to the proper officer".

Difficulties with Inds. ceased - the murderers fled, other tribes professd. friendship for U.S. - probably prompted by fear.

White male populn. all gone off to mining region - not less than 3000 leave this valley for Cal. - most will return, having left their families behind - apprehensive of consequences of this exodus if the Inds. begin their hostilities again.

Immigrants this year have not been molested on their journey by the Inds. - last year they were robbed & maltreated from the time they struck the Columbia riv. until they left it.

The rec.t of the ordnance & ordnance stores sent by you gives a feeling of satisfaction to every American in the territory - it looks as if they were not deserted by their country, and they so express themselves". - - - - - - - - Should the Indians trouble again "We feel that we are well supplied with arms and ammunition".

+ 1848 Aug.t 22 Mont
W.r E. P. Hartnell, Gov.t Translator & Interpreter _ to Gov.r

Owing to excessive increase in prices of commodities, since the discovery of gold in the placers, his present salary is insufficient to support him decently - asks it be increas.d to $2000.- per annum, and that he be allow.d privilege of obtaining his rations out of the Commissary's stores at Gov.t prices.

+ 1848 Aug.t 3 San Fran.co
C. V. Gillespie, Notary Public for this dist.
by Gov.r Mason's app.t _

+ 1848 July 31. Benicia City
R. Semple - to Govr. Mason - On regulating weights for gold

Gold now almost entire currency in Cal. - there being no law to regulate the weights, there is much confusion.

Sent to the mines, to Yerba buena & to Sonoma to get the true weights. Weight got from Sonoma, the ounce weighs $\frac{13}{16}$ more than a gold ounce or 16 dollar piece - the weight from the mines $\frac{6}{16}$ more -

Govt. should stop "this enormous swindling machine and protect the poor laborer".

Says he is recd. gold at the regular weight of 16$ to the ounce, "others are taking it by a weight almost double as heavy."

+ 1847 July 14 San Franco. - (U.S. Ship Columbus)
Commodore James Biddle - to Govr. Mason - Abt. John H. Nash, late Alcalde at Sonoma - & John Ricord, late Attorney Genl. at Sandwich Isl.ds

Says Nash is on board his ship - has requested Commodore to intercede with Govr. on his behalf - is sensible of his error & if forgiven will behave peaceably - will be sent to Mont. on a U.S. ship which will have a good effect on this part of the country.

Says John Ricord is a notorious scoundrel,

who ran away several years ago from U.S. with a large sum of money belonging to another - has been cause of much vexation & trouble to Am.^s in Sandwich Islands. A villain that should not be trusted - he intends to come & settle in Cal. - he will try to insinuate himself in the Gov.'s favor: "for Heaven's sake, for your own sake, for the sake of the peace & quietness of the country, give him no employm.^t or countenance whatever."

+ 1848 Apl. 4 Los Ang.^s
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason.

Reports arrest of Lieut.^s Canfield & Barrus, Sergt. Myers, & amanuensis Rockwell, the 1st three of the Mormon Volunteers for circulating counterfeit coin — Charges preferred agt them - asks for a military Commission to try them.

(The first 3 were finally tried by a special Court composed of Alcalde Foster & Abel Stearns, & a jury - Canfield & Myers were acquitted - Barrus convicted, sentenced to 5 years hard labor, but recommended to Gov.'s mercy)

+ 1847 March 2. Sonoma

Chas. E. Pickett - to Gen. Kearney - on admon of justice in Sonoma & thro' Cal.

Courts as at present constituted bring justice, so called, into disrepute.

The old man actg as Alcalde in Sonoma is ignorant, conceited and dogmatical, governd by whims, without any regard to law, (refers to Jno. H. Nash) "even when plainly shown him, unless he be told how to proceed, by a contemptible, ignorant, low bred, pettifogger here by the name of Green, who has obtaind a strong influence over him" - - - - - -

"The present unlimited and illegal powers & prerogatives assumd thro' the country by the different Alcaldes, will give rise to much confusion & litigation hereafter, as every one of those improper decisions will have to be tried de novo, besides giving rise to suits for damages agt. the magistrates. This is all the better for my line of business, but as it is wrong, I would gladly waive my interests to see things better regulated".

Will continue writing on events & all matters connected with Gen. Kearney's administn. in Cal., furnishing correct information, if his gratuitous correspond. is acceptable to the Gen.

+ 1847 March 20 Mont.

Col. R.B. Mason to Gen. Kearney - On missions of San José & Santa Clara - Horse thieves, & Necessity for a force on the San Joaqn river.

Visiting the missions, examin. into the complaints of Padre J Real - found emigrants in possession who have injured the buildings very seriously, by removing doors, windows, tile &c - the vineyard also damaged. - At San José the emigrants did not even ask for the Keys to enter the buildings - they broke open the doors, & took entire possession of the Mission, except the Church, not even leaving the room occupied by the priest when he visits the mission - Much damage done here as at Sta Clara -

There is no need of stationing troops at pueblo de San José - they could not prevent the Ind. stealing the people's horses in that section. - Indians come in small parties of two or three from different directions, meet at some preconcerted place & commence their operations, carrying off sometimes 200 or 300 head of stock - they are in constant communication with those at the ranches - Recommends that a company be stationed on West bank of San Joaquin river. Understands there are three passes thro'

the Mtns by either one of which the Ind^s. must pass in their retreat with the stolen horses before reaching the San Joaq^n. - Centre pass begins near San Juan mission - North^n. one near San José - the South^n. S. E. of San Juan. "A small garrison near the centre pass where it goes out of the Mtn. on the San Joaq^n., could, by having two thirds of it mounted effectually guard all three passes."

It might be good policy to add to that Comp^y. "ab^t 30 native citizens of Calif^a., mounted volunteers, to serve 12 months, with the same pay & rations, & allowances for horses & clothing, as are allow^d. by law."

+ 1847 March 23 San Fran^co

C. E. Pickett - to Gov. Kearney - opinion on pub. affairs, men & measures.

Something must be done quickly to avert the horrors that yet await this unhappy land -

All is turmoil & confusion - it is to be feared that even the establishm^t. of a good gov^t. & a proper code of laws will not give the country peace & quiet - there is good reason to suspect treasonable & revolutionary mov^ts. are on foot, which must be nipped in the bud.

Gov^r. must not expect to obtain correct information

in streets & houses of Mont. & San Francisco, "where you are surrounded — and allow yourself, I strongly suspect to be influenced by reason of the mask they wear — by a dishonest & scheming set of tories & traitors to our country, truth, principle, & honor". They led Stockton & other naval officers into errors which damaged their reputations, "that have forever damned them".

No honest truth to be found in such men, except in very, very few, and these are "the lower or uninfluential portions of society".

In the country conversed with the Western immigrants ("whom as a body I can alone trust here") & they think as he does.

"The most of Fremont's army, since released from his wild, lawless, & traitorous control, will be found here too on the side of order, good law and the supremacy of our flag".

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Promises to give him facts when the Gen. comes up.

"The mad, lawless & tyrannical schemes and acts of Fremont, Stockton, & other officers of the Navy on shore, have produced a luke warmness in the hearts of many true Am^s., at least towards supporting any longer our flag here under the stain^d. & ignominious manner in which it has as yet waved

over Calif.a - and those opposed to our supremacy, many of them Native Americans, are being emboldened by this to make their threatening boasts of future success in planting another standard in place of ours." = One great cause of discontent now, "the reckless & dishonest course pursued by the Navy in reference to property purchased or taken & money obtain.d for gov.t purchases. There has been a most ignorant & infamous proceeding in this business, and the whole country is now suffering much distress in consequence of it."

The Alcaldes throughout Cal have been, since the raising of the flag, "but a mockery to law & justice; assuming and exercising prerogatives & powers far beyond any clothed them by the Mex.n or U.S. laws. They have acted in the triple capacity of legislative, executive & judicial, and the most of them tarnished these sacred offices by a total disregard of all law, justice, reason, and right. I would advise you to suspend at once these courts, or have published the laws defining their duties, which ought to have been done before the offices were filled."

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For the position of judges, it will be difficult to find the proper men in Cal. Gov.r Boggs is probably the only man, he knows of, fit to fill the Sup.me Judgeship.

Mr Bryant, alcalde of St. Franco., is a man of education, honest & pure, but for all that unfit for judge or legislator. "His reasoning faculties are bad, as he can't trace a subject from cause to effect, or from effect to cause to save him — not even the simplest & plainest.

Hastings has too little talent — besides, strongly suspected of being leagued with the Mormons.

Jones has talent enough, but is a Mormon, and a villain of the deepest dye.

Russell is a mere bag of puffed up, bloated wind, whose appt. to office of any sort, every body will oppose.

Your only recourse will be to look amongst those lately over the mountains, with whom you will find men, who, tho' possessing less book-learning than some others, are yet strong minded, upright, and have a correct education & clear conception of the main principles of law & equity."

+ 1848 July 11. Los Angeles
Col. Stevenson - to Gov. Mason - Proceedings abt a cannon stolen in Sta Bárba - inhabitants made to pay for it - their feelings, & sacrifices to pay the fine - settlemt of the matter - celebration of 4th of July - particip. of the Californians &c

Pursuant to orders went to Sta Bárba on 19 June - arrivd. 21. Interviewd. chief inhabitants, suggested their offering a reward of 100$ to learn where the gun was - that reward offerd. to any one who would inform Padre Gonzalez under secrecy of the Confessional - the Padre assured he would not be required to reveal informant's name -

On morning of 26 June caused an order with a list of all inhabits of 20 years & upwd. to be publishd. thro' the town by beat drum, and posted copies at the usual places - up to 1st July he had collected but 100$ - On 2d July made an assessmt. on real & personal property of the town, according to best informn. - sent each person a note stating amt of his assessmt, requiring paymt by 7 P. M. July 4. - result was the paymt of abt 250$ - made levies upon the property of two - one, a Mr Dun, Irish but naturalized citizen of Mex - the other Mr Scott, firm of

Scott & Wilson, who refused to pay his share because he was not a citizen of Mex. — both were insolent & rude in their refusals.

Several persons promis.d paym.t as soon as they could raise the money — time was allow.d them — and several had to sell their cattle & horses at sacrifices — which was really painful — Am.t collect.d $365.— and Capt Lippitt was charged with the collection of the balance, which will be done in all the week.

When he reach.d Sta Barb.a it was evident the inhabitants were determin.d not to pay the fine — and he was informed of it — he assured the principal inhabitants, such a course was foolish, for however painful it was to his feelings, he would enforce the order, and seize property enough to cover the full am.t — they could in no way escape the paym.t. The result has been satisfactory & the people have behaved better than any portion of Americans at home would have done under similar circumstances.

The two Alcaldes Pedro C. Carrillo & Ardisson protested agt the paym.ts, in consequence of holding Commissions under the Gov.r —

They resigned their Commissions, but he did not accept the resignations, advising them not to attempt to protect the Gov.r's

dignity, which they seemd to consider vulnerated, for the Govr could take good care of his own dignity - he advised them, & even requested they should go on discharging their official duties.

Mr Scott's protest was answd by telling him it would be referred to the Govr.

Only two persons were exempt from the fine - both Americans - who produced evidence of services rendd here to U.S.

In another long letter, of same date (July 11) Col. Stevenson assures Govr that he is perfectly satisfied no Californian had any thing to do with the disappearance of the gun belonging to the Brig Elizabeth.

The gun together with 2 carronades were sent to the beach by Capt Lippitt on being advised by the Brig's master that he was ready to take them on board - but the master neglected to take them - they lay on the beach 5 or 6 days; finally offerd to sell the gun to Capt. of Brig Louisa - bargain completed except the gun had to be deliverd at Monterey - but somehow the gun had disappeard the same night -

Capt of the Elizabeth had failed to pay his men - they were dissatisfied & made threats

to destroy any of his property they could lay hands on - for he had been spending money recklessly, & they supposed he had sold the gun to get more money to squander - it is believed they concealed the gun - there were marks that the gun had been dragged sideways on the beach to the edge of the water where it disappeared. - There is very good reason to believe it was done either by the sailors or the laborers of the vessel. -

The 100$ reward would have brought out the matter if any Californians had had any thing to do with it - for the gun could not have been moved but by the united efforts of at least 10 men.

The inhabitants deeply feel the disgrace cast upon them by the suspicion of their being capable of such an act, a great deal more than they feel they were made to pay.

He has tried to allay the feeling - the loudest in expressing indignation are the Americans

During some of his visits to the families of the principal inhabitants, a great desire was expressed to hear a band of music - none has been heard except Commodore Stockton's when the town was taken - then they only play'd Yankee Doodle & Star Spangled Banner.

Determin'd to gratify them dispatched

a wagon to bring the leader & about one half of his band, and some of his best music, especially all the old Sp. music he had. Band arriv.ᵈ evening of 3 July - sent it in charge of an officer serenading - playing French, Sp. & Mex.ⁿ pieces - next morning all came to thank him for the music; not only promised to pay their fines, but to attend with their families the ball given by the officers that evening - That day the principal inhabitants also were present at the celebration by himself, his officers, men & other Am.ˢ of the Nat.ˡ anniversary, & ~~express~~ manifested much interest & gratification - In his remarks he had to speak of Am. victories in Mex., but he did it without wounding their feelings, & expatiated upon the kindness & hospitality of the Californians, & of the friendly relations existing betw. them & the Americans since a legitimate Gov.ʳ & Commander was in the country - For these remarks they thanked him warmly - and on the morning of the 6.ᵗʰ when he was leaving the town all the principal natives came to take leave of him.

Ends hoping the Gov.ʳ will think as he does that the Californians were innocent of the desappearance of the gun, and "will find it consistent

with propriety & a sense of duty to return the fine, or do something to relieve them from the distress which the people of Sta Bárbara consider as now resting upon them".

(accompanies 13 docs. connected with the subject)

+ 1848 Feb. 8 Los Angs.

Stevenson - to Govr. Mason - Appts. of alcaldes and auxiliary justices.

Has filled the blank in the appt. of Alcalde for San Bernardino with the name of Anto. Prieto, a Lower Califn. of excellent character & friendly to U.S.

Another person has been named to him for San Juan, but has not appointed him not being satisfied abt. his character & fitness - when satisfied on those points will appoint him.

Has appointd. some auxiliary justices with limited powers to arrest criminals, punish Indians & others, & for suppressing sale of liquor to Indians under Govr's proclamn. Power of making such appts. was always vested in the commander of the dist - and so he took the liberty of making them without troubling the Govr.

The Am. Alcalde of Los Angeles (Foster)

gains the affections of the people, "by the promptness of decision, energy of character, & devotion to business & the interests of the community."

Subordinate Officers that have been usually appointed by the Agent, have been appointed upon his recommendation — "men of character and energy have been selected, and all have enterd promptly and actively upon their duties; and at this time I do not believe there is a man of property in the pueblo dissatisfied with the existing state of things."

+ 1848 Sept 3. Upper Mines
Sor L. W. Hastings — to Govr Mason — accepts Judgeship for Northn Dist — Disorderly state of the region.

Accepts the Judgeship for Northn dist. tenderd him by the Govr, althd agt his interests, in his desire to see some system of laws & govt establishd.

Murders & robbery are of frequent occurrence in this region — Selling liquor to Indians is freely practised by many whenever it suits their purposes of gain.

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+ 1848 Sept. 8 San Fran^co

John Townsend, C. V. Gillespie, S. Brannan, and 26 other prominent business men in the place

Petition the Gov^r to order an election for two members of the Common Council to fill the vacancies occasioned by resignation of Glover & death of Leidesdorff. – The Council now reduc^d to 4, have held no meeting for want of quorum or other causes.

It would be well that members of council, when necessary, could have authority to preside as Justices of the Peace.

It is also necessary to appoint a harbor master for this port – the power of app^t. one might be conferred on the Common council with authority to enact necessary regulations to enforce his orders.

Recommend app^t. of 3 Port Wardens to choose Harbor master, and to examine such persons as desire to serve as pilots – Collector of Port to be ex-Officio member of Board of Port Wardens.

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+ 1848 Augt. 9 Los Angs.

Stevenson - to Govr. Mason - Condn. of San Diego Mission

No person willing to remain long in charge - If mission is left in present state, the property will soon disappear - the moveable should be at once sold & proceeds paid into the Civil Fund.

Some old Indns. still remain who claim support from the mission's property - if claim is just "they might receive a beef ration from the post, or an arrangt. might be made with some citizen of San Diego to take a few cattle and maintain them during life". Property worth something now - in a few months there will be nothing left.

1848 July 11. Los Angs.

Stevenson - to Govr. Mason - Civil Govt. - troubles with the Ayunto. and satisfactory results.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Dec. 10, enclosing the commission of Stephen C. Foster Esq. as Alcalde of this District, together with a letter to the Alcalde directing him to turn over the books & papers & other property belonging to his office to his

successor Mr Foster: this letter was handed to the Alcalde enclosed in one from myself (of which I have the honor to enclose a copy, expressing fully the reasons which called for the appt. of Mr Foster, to which I recd. the enclosed answer.

On the 1st Inst. the old & new Ayuntamts. were assembled, and I was informd. they were ready to receive any communication I chose to make them. I immediately presented myself with Mr Foster, and introduced him to them as the Alcalde appointed by you for the year 1848, and stated that I should at once proceed to swear him into office, according to the Am. form, and subsequently, if they deemd. it necessary, they could administer to him the oath of office in the usual form of the country, at the same time requiring the Alcalde to deliver over the Archives & property to Mr Foster, when he should be sworn in. One of the Ayuntd. enquired if their election of Alcalde was to be disregarded, or whether their alcaldes would be permitted to act, and Mr Foster assume the duties of Juez de 1a. Insta., which would give him the control of all their actions, without the violation of the ancient privileges of the town; at the same time stating that if any other course was pursued, they would enter a protest and resign: I replied that your appt. was for Alcalde,

that I had no power to change it, and if they, individually or collectively, felt aggrieved, I would with great pleasure take charge & forward for your consideration any respectful protest or memorial they chose to prepare; but that my duty required I should see your order executed. I then proceeded to swear in Stephen C. Foster as 1st Alcalde for the dist. of Los Angeles, and required all present to obey and respect him accordingly. Previous to my leaving the room I was requested by the Alcalde for 1847 (Salazar) to permit him to turn over the public records and property to his elected successor J. de Palomares, provided he chose to be sworn into office, that he might with your order to turn over said property to Alcalde Foster, and to allow them 24 hours to make me a written communication before Foster should enter officially upon the performance of his duties - it being Saturday, and believing the pub. interests would not suffer by complying with his request, I agreed to it. Within 15 minutes after my return to my quarters a Committee from the Ayuntamto waited upon me with the respectful requests of the Corporation that I would permit their Alcaldes to be sworn into office and enter upon the performance of their duties, agreeing that Foster as Juez de 1a

Instancia or Chief Judge should supervise and direct all their acts, and that they would memorialize you to appoint him Juez de 1a Inst.a and Prefecto for the district, which would give him unlimited control over all their acts. pledging themselves that their Alcaldes would peaceably retire and give place to Foster, in case you did not approve this arrangt. Believing that the pub. interest would be better served by the proposed arrangt., and that Foster would be entirely relieved of the trifling business which always encumbers an Alcalde's office, and would be better able to devote his time to more important public matters, I consented, provided the Ayunto. should make the request in writing, and hand me the communicn. for you by Monday morning 10 O'clock.

The Committee retird. to the Office of the Ayunto. and in a few minutes all the officers were sworn in, a committee appointed to make the written communn. to me, and prepare the memorial which had been agreed to betw. us to you — the body adjournd., and I was most humbly thanked for my condescension, accordg to Mexn. custom.

At 10 O'C. A. M. on Monday, no communicn. was recd. from them — I waited patiently until Tuesday — In the mean time important public matters required the attention of the Alcalde, whose office was closed, and the gentleman supposed to be at his ranch 9 leagues off; I directed Foster to enter upon his duties, which

he did, and at 9 A.M. on Tuesday learning where the Californian Alcalde could be made, I made him a communic.n, a copy of which is annexed, which Mr Foster accompanied by the officer of the day and an orderly deliver.d, and brought the gentleman to my quarters, where he proposed to make the written communication previously promised for Monday 10 o'clock - I declined receiv.g it, and told him that nothing but an unconditional retirem.t from his office, and surrender of the pub. prop.y to Mr Foster would be accepted by me - he asked to be allowed half an hour to make a written reply which I granted, and within that time the annexed note marked A was rec.d, and within one hour after the annex.d communic.n mark.d B was made to me, and the public records and property surrender.d to Foster: this communic.n I have regarded as a formal resignation of the entire Ayunt.o, leaving Foster Alcalde but without any person to aid him in the civil gov.t of the town; and it was distinctly stated that he could not find any Californian who would accept any office under him.

As the first business in order was funds to feed the prisoners and pay a guard for the prison, it became necessary that a

síndico and Treasurer & Collector should be appointed. I requested some of the most respectable inhabitants who had been most anxious for Foster's app.t to accept the office of Treasurer, but all refused. Feeling the necessity for decisive action, I determined to exercise the Authority given me as Military Commander, under the Mex.n law, to appoint a Treasurer, and if he should refuse to accept, fine or imprison him. I immediately made out an app.t for Mr Stearns as síndico and Cr Aguillar as Collector — copy annex.d marked C — told them distinctly the course I should adopt in case of refusal — this produced the desired effect — he & the Collector accepted, and are now collecting funds.

It has been the custom, according to law, for each citizen in his turn to furnish a guard of one man for the prison guard daily — the first two days of Foster's Alcaldeship none presented themselves to stand their guard, and he paid the guard from his own funds. I directed him to make out his roster of & summon the guards for the week, and be sure to select the most stubborn and wilful of the Californians to be first summoned — he did so, and the first caller came to his office, and refused to stand

his guard or pay the usual fine of one dollar. Foster threatened to turn him over to me for punishm.t if he persisted in refusing; he replied that I might imprison or shoot him if I chose, but that he had been a Mex.n officer, and would neither do guard duty at the prison or pay the fine. Foster immediately advised me of his refusal, I sent an orderly for him; he came to my quarters. I took him to the Alcalde's office, and informed him in presence of the Alcalde that I would allow him __five__ minutes to comply with the Alcalde's orders, and if he persisted longer in refusing, I would send him to the guard-house and confine him to a cell and bread and water until he complied. I immediately left the office, and he, before the expiration of the five minutes, paid the fine; his arrest by me had become generally known, and quite a crowd of his countrymen had assembled at the door of the Alcalde's office, and of course the whole proceedings soon became known over the town — in half an hour all of the others that had been summoned, came up and express.d their willingness to perform their turn of guard duty, or pay the fine which would enable the Alcalde to hire a guard. Hitherto this duty has been

imposed upon the poorer classes, and they are of course delighted that the new order of things throws the burden equally upon all.

Foster has been in office 9 days, and we are getting on finely, and have no difficulty in finding men to find all the duties required of them, and already the prison is being put in order, and zanjas & ditches repaired.

Your order relative to trial by jury has given much satisfaction, and I have to request that you will extend it to all Capital offences. We have now in prison two Indns & one Califn for murder; the Indns have been confined six months, & the other, one — their trials will take place next week, and I shall take upon myself to direct the Alcalde to summon a jury — the proceedings, if found guilty, will be forwarded for your approval. The duties of Alcalde in this town are very laborious, and in case the Alcalde should be sick, we should be in rather an awkward predicament. I therefore respectfully request you to send me an appt. for 2d Alcalde leaving the name blank, and I will look out for some safe man to fill the office.

I believe we shall now move on smoothly and in quiet, and I trust

this will be the last long story I shall have to write you relative to the civil matters of the district.

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P. S. As the last note from the Ayuntam.to intimates that they intend troubling you with a memorial, I shall, as you have directed, publish an order in your name declaring the election null & void. I am advised that many of the most respectable citizens, Californians & Mexicans, have been applied to for their signatures to a memorial remonstrating ag.t my proceedings in removing their alcalde, but all have refused.

(6 doc.s alluded to in foregoing)

one from Stevenson to Alcalde Salazar - that owing to neglect on the part of the authorities, "the town had become the resort of prostitutes & vagrants of the most depraved character - the pub. interests neglected, and the collection of debts, or punishm.t of criminals impossible".

+ 1847 Dec. 27 Los Ang.s

José Salazar, Alcalde the whole year
Ygn.o Coronel, Secretary.

+ 1847 June 6 Nipomo (San Luis Obispo)
Wm G. Dana - to Govr - Indn depredations - bad state of society at San Luis Obispo.

Society is reduced here to the most horrid state. "The whole place has for a long time past been a complete sink of drunkenness & debauchery". Alcalde's orders made nugatory, by want of force, to restore order. The more respectable reside on their farms at some distance from the mission, "and it is morally impossible that they could unite (in case of an outbreak) in season, to be of any service".

A military force absolutely necessary in the place. The Wild Indns are committing raids & carrying off droves of horses. Califs & ~~natives~~ foreigners formed a party, & went after them - in a week returnd - found the Indns too strong - If some prompt measures are not adopted, the farmers will have to abandon their ranches.

Horrid murders are reported at San Luis, by the Alcalde - unnecessary massacre.

+ 1847 Apl. 25. San Leandro.
Wm Richardson - to Gen. Kearney - Indn depredations.

Took a stroll by the Contra Costa of San Franco, having

heard great complaints agt the Indians, to converse with the Chief Magistrate of that dist. Don Joaquin Estudillo – found him anxious to do all in his power to check those depredns – offerd to go personally to Mont. & advise the Govr on the best means of procuring Native Califn Volunteers to accompany the troops – he was advised to do so, "and take, if possible, with him, one or two Indns who can give every information where the principal robbers are residing at this time."

+ 1848 March 4 San José

Chas. White, Alcalde – to Govr Mason – Projected attack on Mont. prison – project for independt Govt

Has recd information of a company of 60 men organized & daily recg new recruits, who have constant communication with the Volunteers in the service, having in view to soon attack the prison of Mont. & release prisoners.

They also have formed the plan of establishing an independt govt in Cal. – they are well armed – "the good people of the country standing in fear of exposing those people lest they might kill them."

Day before yesterday a party of 3 foreigners tried to induce a fourth to join them for stealing

horses- sent after them, were seen, but succeeded in escaping - want of horses prevents their being pursued.

+ 1847 March 10. San Ant.o
Nathl. Jones & 34 others - to Gov.r

State that Estudillo's term as alcalde has expired. that the country extending north from the pueblo including the contracosta, and that bordering on the South side of the bay & straits to the Valley of S.n Joaquin, is destitute of a civil officer to administer justice & preserve order.-
Recommend Elam Brown, as competent for the position having perform.d similar duties in Illinois with ability & faithfulness.

+ 1848 March 10 San Diego
E. L. Brown, act.g Alcalde — to Gov.r
On trial of an Ind.n from L. Cal.

Encloses a letter to Gov.r from P. E. Duarte, Juez 1.o de Paz at San Vicente, L. Cal., relative to an Ind.n he sent from his dist. for trial at San Diego, because a fair one

cannot be had in his dist.

Alcalde Bueno states that Sto Tomas, the dist. to which San Vicente belonged, is under the jurisd.n of San Diego.

+ 1848 March 20, S. F.co
Geo: Hyde, Alcalde 1o. - to Govr. - On Alcalde's duties & municipal affairs.

Recommends that the Chief judicial auth. be disconnected from the town council & not required to preside same - It is impracticable - a division of interest supposed to exist - not really the case, but difficult to make it understood.

Town council unwilling to be responsible on acct. of the dist. - refuse to pay the reasonable expenses incurred in the govt. thereof.

"Before the existence of a town council for the town of San Fran.co the Alcalde was not allowed to admit of a division of interest - the town & district were included in one, and the expenses of the whole defrayed accordingly."

Suggests the withdrawal of the 1st Alcalde as President of the Board, and an amendmt. in organiz.n of the Town Council, by which they may elect their Presidt. from their own body. To

facilitate accomplishm^t of this, he tenders his resignation.

+ 1848 March 19 San Fran^co

Alcalde Hyde – to Gov. Mason – On charges ag^t him & his resignation.

Proceedings of town council ag^t him thoroughly unjust & mortifying.

Intended resigning one month ago – again on 12^th of this month – Repeatedly ask^d the Council to cause the Committee to appear before them & bring the prosecution of the matter to a close. Since last meeting to investigate "over 3 months have elapsed" – up to that time "it had invariably gone abroad that I had defeated my enemies – that I had clear^d away doubts – of every kind – wiped away every stain – The proceedings stopped because the committee could not proceed."

Can't see the necessity for secresy as practiced by the Council. "They did not hold any public meeting at which I was present, arraigned – to even slip in a word edgeways for myself – If there was truth in their declaration (and it is only by implication) where was the necessity to wait three months before recommending my removal?"

Assures Govr. he has never by word or deed injured the man who has acted so hostilely & insultingly to him - can't acct. for it, except by supposing that they attribute to him "the denouncemts. in the "Californian" of their public conduct to me."

Tomorrow he will induct the 2d. Alcalde in his place - and forward his own resignation

1848 Augt 6 San Diego Mission
Philip Crosthwaite - Inventory of effects

Effects existing in the mission this day recd. by him from E. L. Brown.

A lot of crockery, glass and other utensils - all in poor condition.

Animals:
23 mares =
6 horses =
13 colts =
1 mule colt =

186 head altogether -
According to E. L. Brown's statemt. on 12 June 1848, the total no. was 107 heads.

38 goats
6 young goats
28 sheep
5 young sheep
34 cows =
17 calves =
2 bullocks
7 jennies
1 Jack
5 young jacks & jennies.

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+ 1849 June 4. San Diego

Among other property at the mission according to a report sent to Major Canby, there were: 23 mares, 6 horses, 13 colts, 1 mule, 38 goats, 1 kid, 28 sheep, 5 lambs 34 cows, 17 calves, 2 bullocks, 1 jack, 5 young jacks & jennies.

Phillip Crosthwaite who had obtained the lease from Col. Stevenson in 1848, has gone off to the mines, and his agent offers to relinquish the lease.

+ 1848 Sept 3 San Juan.

John Forster - to Govr Mason - on appt. of Sub-Indn Agent & need of keeping milit. force in dist.

Understands Capt. J. D. Hunter intends resigning his office as Sub-Indn Agt. - fears if the force here station. is removed, there will be disturbances & raids from the Indians. The appt. of a new Sub-Indn Agt. urgently pressed by the inhabitants, who recommend J. J. Warner for the position - "his probity, knowledge & long experience of the diff. Indn tribes on this frontier" render him the proper man.

+ 1847 May 27. New Helvetia

Jn.o A. Sutter - to Gov.r Kearney - Ind.n affairs - pub. property

Thanks for app.t given him as Sub-Ind.n ag.t - glad Gen.l Vallejo has been appoint.d to same position on the other side - he has greater experience of Ind.n affairs.

Many Chiefs have already presented themselves - will report as soon as he has seen more. Ind.ns on the Stanislaus are good & under proper subjection - those on the Merced disli'Ke abstaing from horse stealing, particularly the Chausiles & Potoiatches - farther south they are also very bad - force must be used tow.d them.

Pub. prop. at this post - abt 50 muskets, 4 carbines, 100 lances, 2 drums - 1 Keg cannon powder - 350 to 400 horses, including all Lieut. Col.l Fremont's horses & mules, all of Gen. Vallejo's marked U.S. & others which have not been bought of their former owners. - 14 old saddles in use of the 20 Ind.n soldiers who take care of the horses.

Would like to Keep them longer in service, so long as the Walla Wallas are in the neighborhood - they are more to be depended on than white men. Those 20 men have been employ.d ab.t 7 years as hunters and trappers - good shots & riders - have also some Ind.n infantry.

The cannons together with some muskets & other arms &c are his (Sutter's) own - also a Russian field piece that Commodore Stockton had in use - Would like to sell all to U.S.

Hopes it is true Gen. Kearney will soon visit N. Helvetia & afford him (Sutter) the pleasure of informing him on many interest.g subjects ab.t this country.

+ 1849 — Mayo 22 — Mont.
Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde, al Gob. de Cal.
Eleccion de Ayuntamiento.

Que en virtud de su órden 22 de aquel mes se celebró en la oficina de su cargo la eleccion de Ayunt.o y fueron nombrados:
1.er Regidor — Ant.o M.a Osio.
2.o " David Spence.
3.o " José Abrego.
4.o " Santiago Watson.
Síndico Procurador — Rafael Sanchez.

+ 1849 — Agosto 23 — Mont.
Ignacio Esquer al Gob. de Cal.

Participa qe. ha comenzado á ejercer la Prefectura del Distrito David Spence pr. lo qe. ha quedado vacante su cargo de 2.o Regidor —

+ 1849 - Agosto 10 - Mont.
Rafael Sanchez, Síndico Procurador.

Renuncia su empleo, q.e le fué Concedido pr. eleccion el 20 de Mayo, pr. tener q.e ausentarse de la poblacion. -

+ 1849 - Agosto 29 - Mont.
Ygnacio Esquer, Alcalde y Ambrosio Gomez, Srio. á Milton Little.

Que en la eleccion q.e se celebró pr. cubrir la vacante de Regidor, q.e resultó pr. haber sido nombrado Prefecto del Distrito David Spence, fué nombrado él p.a cubrirla. -

+ 1849 - Set.e 1.o - Mont. -
Ygnacio Esquer, Alcalde al Gob. de Cal.

Pide 12 fusiles con sus municiones p.a armar gente y hacer respetar las disposiciones del Juzgado. -

+ 1849 - Octe. 26 - Mont.
Mariano Malarin al Secretario de Estado.

El dia anterior recibió su nota en qe. le avisa qe. el Gob. lo ha nombrado Juez de 1a. Instancia del Distrito.—

+ 1849 - Sete. 21 - Sta. Bárbara.
Raymundo Carrillo, Juez de 1a. Insta. del Distrito al Gob.

Que Joaquin Carrillo le presentó el nombramto. qe. le espidió pa. Prefecto del Distrito y lo puso en posecion de dicho empleo.—

+ 1849 - Sete. 21 - Sta. Barba.
Raymundo Carrillo, Juez de 1a. Instancia del distrito al Gob.

Recibió el Despacho qe. mandó estenderle nombrandolo pa. aquel empleo, el qe. acepta.—

+ 1849 - Setbre 21. Sta Barba
J. Carrillo al Gob.

Recibió el Despacho de Prefecto del Distrito, y tomó posesion del empleo el 16 de aquel mes.

+ 1849 - Setbre 21. Sta Barba
Joaquin Carrillo al Srio. del Gbno. Pidiendo sean castigados con azotes los delitos leves.

Que pareciéndole necesario tomar providencias contra los qe. cometen diariamte delitos leves, como raterías y otros, los qe. quedan sin castigo pr. falta de Cárceles y fondos pa. pagar á los qe. vigilen á los presos, ha creido conveniente en uso de sus facultades y prévia aprobacion del Gobierno, el qe. se aplique castigos de azotes á los qe. cometan aquellas faltas: dé cuenta al Gob. pa. qe. dé su aprobacion si lo creé conveniente.

+ 1849 – Marzo 8 – Santa Bárbara:
Carlos A. Carrillo, Enrique Cárnes y Pablo de la Guerra, del Ayuntamto, al Regidor 1º Daniel A. Hill. Exitando á aceptar el empleo.

Que su nota de 7 de aquel mes qe les ha remitido el Presidte del Colegio Electoral, los deja impuestos de qe rehusa aceptar el empleo. Que la Comision al examinar las causales qe alega en su apoyo, solo ha encontrado qe su modestia es lo único qe lo ha impulsado á rehusar aquel empleo: qe todo el pueblo desea qe desista de su propósito.–

+ 1849 – Agto 29 – Sta Barba
Octaviano Gutierrez, Regidor Decano y Encargado del Juzgado de aquel punto. al Srio del Despacho de Gbno.

Remitiendo notas de Daniel Hill, renunciando el empleo de Regidor.

+ 1849 - Agosto 27 - Mont.

Ygnacio Esquer, Alcalde y Ambrosio Gomez, Srio. al Gob. de Cal. Acuerdo del Ayunt.o sobre terrenos pa. la poblacion

El Ayunt.o en sesion de aquella fecha, aprobó se le pasase pa. su aprobacion el acuerdo qe. tuvo en 9 de Julio, constando de articulos:

1o. Se formará el plano de la poblacion tomando 2.500 vs. de demarcacion pr. cada rumbo de la Yglesia, en qe. esten señaladas las lineas de casas y tapias qe. hay hasta aquella fecha (de un color) y los solares concedidos y no fabricados (de otro color), y en seguida las calles, callejones y plazas qe. puedan quedar, con lineas de otro color, llevando el nombre de sus 1os. poseedores, señalando tambien todo el terreno qe. quede baldio.

2o. Se pondrán solares á remate pa. pagar la persona qe. se encargue de formar el plano, si no tuviese dinero el fondo municipal.

3o. Si hecho el plano se viese qe. donde deben quedar calles, callejones ó plazas son terrenos enagenados, y qe. en estos no se hayan hecho cimientos ó casa, el Ayunt.o los tomará nombrando

tres personas qe. los avaluen, y el propietario hará lo mismo qe. el del plano.

4º. Si en el arreglo de calles qe. se demarca, hubiese en las líneas de estas ú solares concedidos, terrenos baldíos, los dueños de casas inmediatas tendrán la preferencia si quieren tomarlos.

5º. Nadie abrirá cimientos, ni pondrá cercos sin pedir permiso al Ayuntº. pa. qe. este nombre una comision qe. cuidará qe. las nuevas casas queden arregladas al plano.–

+ 1849 – Octe. 15 – Mont.

David Spence, Prefecto del Distrito al Srio. del Despacho – informe sobre solicitud del Ayunto de Sn. Juan Bautista, apoyada pr. el Sub-Prefecto, sobre mandar levantar el plano de la poblacion &c &c.

Remite los oficios qe. le dirigió el Sub-Prefecto de Sn. Juan – Con respecto á lo qe. dice de qe. la Ex-Mision fué declarada pueblo en tal tiempo, es cierto,

y es cabecera del 1er Distrito desde 1837, hasta 24 Abril 1841, qe fué cambiada pr. disposicion de Alvarado, pr. siempre quedó considerada como Pueblo, se concedieron solares á vecinos, quienes han elegido sus alcaldes cada año. — Que habiendo un Sub Prefto y Alcaldes, es preciso qe se les señale local pa oficinas y Cárcel, fondos pa gastos indispensables, y así se corregirán los desórdenes. Hay muchas familias radicadas y pr. su localidad debe ser pronto punto de importancia, mas si se siguen descubriendo placeres al Sur. Respecto al plano, no habiendo fondos, solo pueden hacerlo vendiendo solares. En los demas puntos qe hablan del Sacerdote, no da su opinion, pr. qe no tiene antecedentes. —

+ 1849 — Sete 30 — Sn Juan Bautista.
Julian Urzua Alcalde 1o al Sub-Prefecto.
Solicitando se levante el plano del pueblo &c &c.

Que mas de 12 años han

transcurrido desde qe la Ex-Mision fué declarada pueblo, y en este tiempo lejos de prosperar, cada dia es mas notable su retroceso, y mas cuando se han destruido las casas de la Mision, pa sacar mezquino provecho de sus materiales. Aun cuando las Misiones y sus pingües productos se aplicaban al fin de su institucion, era floreciente su estado; eran ellas las qe sostenian al pais, atrayendo el comercio, fomentando la agricultura, y protegiendo las artes; pº despues estas ricas fincas se consideraron patrimonio de los qe las administraban, y cuando se ha considerado á otros pueblos capaces de sostener sus derechos, se priva á Sn Juan de una propiedad qe nadie le puede disputar. — Una tolerancia culpable de las personas qe la han administrado durante algunos años, ha dado lugar á la dilapidacion de los intereses de la Mision, y en los últimos dias, se ha visto desbechar piezas, quitar las maderas y derrivar las paredes, en beneficio del Padre qe la tiene á su cargo. P. la ins-

titucion de las Misiones tuvo pr. objeto la propagacion de la fé, principalmte. entre los indios salvajes qe. formaban la poblacion de el; pero como pa. mantenerlos sujetos, era preciso proporcionarse recursos entre ellos mismos, á la vez qe. los instruian los dedicaban al trabajo, y así llegaron las Misiones al estado de opulencia en qe. se vieron, y aunque se consideró qe. los Padres tenian facultad para tomar de estos caudales lo necesario pa. el culto, jamas dejó de creerse qe. el todo era propiedad pública, lo qe. fué confirmado pr. la ley de Secularizacion, y pr. lo qe. se pagó á los Padres con el nombre de sínodos. Despues de esto, autoridad competente declaró qe. la de Sn. Juan Bautista fuese considerado como pueblo, y lo compusieron los indios libres y familias de razon radicadas allí: lo qe. antes era Mn. se consideró como un curato, y el pueblo entró en posesion de sus derechos, dejando al cargo del párroco lo qe. creyese necesario pa. sostener el culto.

En esta virtud, elevará al conocim.to de l Gob. los artículos siguientes:

1.º Q.e estando considerado como pueblo S.n Juan al ocupar el país los americanos, las autoridades locales, manden levantar un plano de la población, y arreglado á él concedan solares p.a formar con su producto los fondos municipales.

2.º Que no hagan concesion de terrenos ocupados pr. la Iglesia, ó pr. particulares, hasta q.e lo resuelva una Comision, ó autoridad competente.

3.º Se dejará al Sacerdote casa habitacion, y demas fincas consideradas de la iglesia, se depositarán en persona nombrada pr. el Gob. hasta q.e se declare su inversion.

4.º De estas se destinará una pieza pa. Juzgado, otra pa. Calabozo, y otra p.a Escuela, eligiéndolas el Sub. Prefecto.

5.º Se declarará nulo el contrato de arrendam.to de estas fincas, hecho pr. el Padre.

+ 1849 - Octe. 1º Sn. Juan Bautista
Teófilo E. Echeverria, Sub-Prefecto, al Prefecto del Distrito - Apoyando la peticion del Juez 1º

Está convencido de qe. los males de qe. se queja el Juez 1º necesitan un pronto remedio, pa. evitar mayores, y habiendo examinado los articulos propuestos, los creé fundados todos en razon.

"Que desde 1836 en qe. fué jurado pueblo Sn. Juan, ha sido reconocido como tan pr. las autoridades, y posterior-mente la Asamblea Depart. lo declaró Cabecera del Distrito, y fué residencia del Prefecto y Juez de 1a. Insta. de modo qe. ninguna persona, ni el Sacerdote, se creé con derecho pa. administrar otra cosa qe. la huerta y casas de la estin-guida Mision. Qe. cuando esta se se-cularizó y juró pr. pueblo, se repartió algun terreno entre neófitos, y el resto señalado pa. egidos quedo á beneficio del comun, y si desde entonces fué asi declarado, no hay razon pa. qe. estos derechos se restrinjan, ni parcial ni generalmte. - Por lo qe. es de opinion

en cuanto al 1.r art.o q.e debe formarse el plano de la poblacion, y p.a fomentarla, conceder Solares, y formar con su producto los fondos municipales_ 2.o sin este recurso no se puede administrar justicia, supuesto q.e no hay "ni p.a pagar un escribiente" p.a ambos juzgados, donde hay tantos negocios, p.r ser el punto de pasada de los placeres y puntos del Norte. Las dificultades p.a llevarlo á la práctica quedan Sanjadas con el 2.o y 3.o - En cuanto al 4.o cree innecesario añadir nada, p.r q.e en el pueblo radican la Sub-Prefectura y 2 juzgados y necesitan local p.a oficinas - Respecto al 5.o como la Prefectura no tiene ningunos antecedentes, informa: q.e ultimam.te ha hecho un contrato el Párroco y Ramon Herrera, en cuya virtud recibió este en arrendam.to p.r $ 1.500 al año, p.r cinco, la huerta y casas de la Ex-Mision, p.a lo cuí no tiene derecho el Padre, quien no reside fijam.te en el pueblo- No se estiende mas, p.r q.e la Prefectura conoce como él, las necesidades mas

atrevimiantes de los pueblos de la jurisdiccion -
(Era párroco del pueblo de Sn. Juan Bautista, Fr. Antonio Anzar).

+ 1848 - Junio 10 - Angeles.
Stephen C. Foster. Alcalde 1º

+ 1848 - Febrero 7 - Sn. José
James W. Welker, Alcaide. Pregon sobre denuncio de una mina de azogue.

Se presentó el Cº Mexicano José Suñol, denunciando una mina de azogue descubierta en el cerro en qe. está la de Nueva Almaden, distante una legua de ella, poco mas ó menos, hácia el Noroeste, contigua al Arroyo de los Capitancillos; rumbo de la veta á la superficie, Norte y Oeste.

+ 1849 – Abril 10 – Santa Margarita
Pío Pico al Gob. R. B. Mason. Entrega de los Archivos públicos.

Recibió su nota oficial de 21 Febº sobre entregar los protocolos y papeles oficiales del Gobierno de Cals. al oficial qe condujo la nota, lo qe no verificó pr. qe no existen ningunos docs. públicos en su poder.

+ 1849 – Julio 23 – Sta Barba
Fr. José Mª de Jesus Gonzales, Administrador Episcopal de ambas Cals, á B. Riley Gob. de la Alta. Sobre autorizacion de un matrimonio pr. sacerdote protestante, siendo uno de los cónyugues católico, con desprecio de leyes dadas pr. Gob. Mason &.

Ha sabido con disgusto qe el 9 de aquel, en Mont, á su misma vista (del Gob), un Ministro Protestante ha autorizado un matrimonio, siendo uno de los cónyugues Católico, despreciando la prohibicion del Gob. Mason, constante en Decreto de 23

Agosto, 1847, qe. mandó observar á todas las autoridades y Cónsules estrangeros, la qe. no sabe haya sido derogada pr. él, pr. lo qe. creé qe. lo mandado pr. Mason debe ser obedecido, no solo pr. emanar de un gobno. legal, sino tambien pr. qe. de su infraccion, resultarian graves incovenientes, como lo demuestra en su nota qe. dirigió á aquel en 30 Julio 1847, la qe. si se ha estraviado la repetirá pa. qe. vea los justos motivos en qe. se apoya pa. insistir en qe. no permita el Gobno. qe. los Ministros protestantes, y menos autoridades civiles, cooperen pa. qe. los católicos de Cal. celebren enlaces con infraccion de las leyes eclesiásticas. Que no pretende contrariar lo qe. hagan los protestantes, sino librar de remordimtos. á sus correligionarios, pues con aquellos ha sido demasiado tolerante, y prueba de ello es, qe. sabiendo no se ha dado una ley nueva en Cal. sobre matrimonios, y qe. segun las vigentes solo se consideran válidos los hechos ante los Sacerdotes Párrocos, no se ha

opuesto á esos usos de E. U. qe. se van introduciendo, y ha protestado al Gobno. en su citada Communicacion, qe. respetará como legitimos matrimonios qe. protestantes celebren segun sus ritos, y solo pide el qe. los católicos no sean inquietados en los suyos, mientras el Papa, como jefe de todos ellos, dispensa á Cal. las leyes eclesiasticas á qe. estan sujetos; protesta qe. jamás se opondrá á qe. se efectuen enlaces de católicos con protestantes, pues ha pedido y aguarda de Roma facultades pa. autorizarlos, y los permitirá á cuantos los pretendan y quieran sujetarse á las condiciones qe. la Yglesia exige en estos casos. Suplica qe. el Decreto de Mason no sea derogado, antes bien qe. lo ratifique si fuere necesario —

+ 1848 - Mayo 30 - Sta Bárbara
Pedro C. Carrillo, Juez 1º de Sta Barbª al Comte Militar del mismo

Pidiendo un piquete de soldados pa pasar á Mn de Sn Buenaventura y traer presa á Vicenta Sanchez de Elwell, pr. haberlo desobedecido é insultado, desconociendo las órdenes del Gob, pues ha vendido aguardiente varias veces á los indios.

+ 1848 - Mayo 22 - Sta Bárbara.
Franco Ortega, Juez Auxiliar de la Mision de Sn Buenaventura.

+ 1848 - Mayo 26 - Los Angeles.
Col. J. D. Stevenson, Comte de la linea del Sur.

Edicto mandando á Franco Ortega, Juez Auxiliar de Sn Buenaventura, entregue inmediatamte el mando á Isaac Callahan -

+ 1848- Mayo 14- Sn. Diego.
Juan Bandini, Juez de 1a. Instancia del Partido al Gob. de Cal.

Ha recibido el Despacho de Juez de 1a. del Ptdo. el q. acepta con reconocimiento.-

+ 1848- Agto. 16- Sta. Barba.
Pedro C. Carrillo, al Comte. Militar del punto.- Renuncia su empleo si no se le da una satisfaccion.

Que en una de las comunicaciones q. ha pasado al Gob, las q. no le ha contestado, sobre el ultraje q. hizo á su autoridad (pr. el Comte.) demanda una satisfaccion, y de no dársele renuncia su empleo.

+ 1848- Julio 21- Sta. Barba.
E. Ardisson, Alcalde 2o. á Francis J. Lippitt, Capn. Comte. del punto.- Le dá pr. suspendido pr. un insulto q. se le hizo.

Que habien-

do sido comprendido en la lista de individuos complicados en el robo de un Cañon, se considera como suspenso de sus funciones, pr. el mismo decoro del Gobno. Am.º qe. ya avisa al Gob.

+ 1848 – Julio 28 – St.a Barb.a

E. Ardisson al Gob. R. B. Mason. Sobre injurias qe. le ha hecho el Comte. del punto sospechándolo cómplice del robo de un cañon.

Que siendo Alcalde le ha parecido muy estraño, ver su nombre en la lista de vecinos multados pr. el robo de un cañon del Bergantin Am.º "Elizabeth". Que ha representado á Stevenson qe. pr. su nombramto. de Alcalde pr. el Gob. no debia de ser comprendido en semejante robo, pues esta ofensa se le hace al Gobno. y este le ha contestado qe. no hacia mas qe. seguir las instrucciones del Gob.; suplica qe. si es asi, pr. el mismo decoro del Gobierno, se le admita su dimision; qe. no queriendo pagar la multa qe. se le im–

puso, la fuerza armada entró atropelladamente á su habitacion en su ausencia y tomó un capote y una colcha; participa tambien qe. estando el 15 de aquel mes, el alcalde 1o Pedro Carrillo, en su oficina, averiguando el robo de una silla de montar, llegó una fuerza armada, remitida pr. el Comte. del punto Lipkitt, intimándole entregase la silla, y si no fuese preso á la cárcel; Carrillo remitió la silla pr. consejo de vecinos, y al mismo tiempo despachó á Lipkitt, la vara de justicia y las llaves del juzgado poniendo queja á Stevenson; qe. pr. consiguiente el punto se encuentra sin autoridades civiles —

1847 — Cius. Ls. Angeles.
José Salazar, Juez 1o.

+ 1847 - Dic.e 2 - Aromas.
Julian Ursua, Alcalde de la jurisdiccion al Gob.

Hace renuncia del empleo pa. q.e lo nombró en 22 de Nov.e anterior –

+ 1847 – Junio 20 – Sn Luis Obispo.
J. Mariano Bonilla, Juez de S.n Luis Obispo.

+ 1847 – Dic.e 11 – S.ta Barb.a
Pablo de la Guerra, Juez 1o al Gob. B. R. Masson – Sobre dificultades pa. poner en vigor su Decreto prohibiendo la venta de licores embriagantes á los indios – defectos de q.e adolece.

Recibió su Proclama relativa á prohibir venta de licores embriagantes á los indios, sin ningun oficio acompañatorio, pr. lo q.e y la trascendencia de ella, ha suspendido su publicacion, dirigiendole esta nota pa. hacerle presentes los inconvenientes q.e hay

en cumplirla y malos resultados qe produ-
cirá si se lleva á efecto. Entiende qe.
su idea al dictarla fué la de evitar
los desórdenes qe. produce el uso de embri-
gantes; idea qe aplaude y cooperará á
qe. se realice; po. cree qe se necesi-
tan algunas modificaciones pa. poner
en planta el Decreto. Llama su aten-
cion primeramte. qe. á solo los indíjenas
se les veda el uso de licores, cuando
la esperiencia tiene demostrado qe. los
de razon hacen mal uso de ellos, y
con mas abusos, pues pr. cálculo prudente
llegan al duplo las riñas cometidas
pr. los blancos, respecto á los indios,
en iguales casos, y sin embargo la
ley no descarga su rigor sino sobre
estos. Está persuadido qe. el uso
moderado de bebidas, antes de ser
dañino es benéfico á los qe. trabajan
Corporalmte, y los indios no tienen otro
modo de vivir - Los mas abusan con este
pretesto, pero lo mismo lo hacen los
blancos. La circular es terminante y
clara en el punto de qe. no se venda,
bajo ningun concepto, licor á indios, ¿ qe.

se hará si lo necesitan pa. medicina? se ocurrirá al médico pa. qe. dé un certificado como cuando se usa veneno, pr. si no lo hay, no se salva la dificultad, y el indio sufre. Respecto á las penas dirá: qe. en todas las proclamas qe. qe. han dirigido al pueblo Californio los gefes de los Estados Unidos, prometen qe. durante la guerra las leyes mexicanas estarán en vigór, y el castigar á un indio con multa y prision pr. el mismo delito se opone á ellas." ¿Como se interpretará aquello de: ó el qe. de cualquiera manera coadyuve? ¿Deberá dársele una inteligencia física ó tambien moral? Si es estensiba al último caso, como parece pr. la frase, entónces aquel qe. ve ó sabe qe. alguno haya infringido la prohibicion, dando vendiendo &. incurrirá en la pena si no le denuncia? ¿Y qe. ley hay hasta ahora qe. obligue á ser forzosamente delator?" Creé tambien qe. la prohibicion de dar qe. se ve en la referida proclama es atentatoria á la propiedad y pr. ultº no puede dejar de hacer presente qe. se imponí pena al qe. fa-

cilita la cosa, pº ninguna al qe. hace uso de ella, qe. es tan culpable como el otro. Probará lo ilusorio qe. será su practica si no se modifica, pr. qe. los ranchos se encuentran muy apartados de donde hay autoridades, y sus dueños pagan á sus sirvientes, qe. en gran parte son indios, con aguardiente: estos son fieles en guardar secreto á quien se los dá, y cuando dan declaracion y se ven muy apurados suelen decir: "me encontré tirada una botella". Las consecuencias qe. traerá la estricta observancia de la providencia son estas: á indios de Cal. pr. naturaleza, no les da cuidado la desnudez, ni los alimentos cosas qe. obligan á trabajar al hombre, pues comen raíces y semillas qe. abundan, y se creen tan dichosos como el opulento: lo único qe. los inclina á vivir con gente civilizada es su gran inclinacion á la bebida; prohibida esta, es mas qe. probable qe. se irán al desierto á disfrutar su vida nómada: entónces el robo de ganados aumentará, qe. es estremo mas pernicioso á la Sociedad

qe. el otro, y si no sucede esto, se irán á los ranchos donde no hay quien les impida el uso de licores, pues los dueños estan interesados en pagarles con ellos sus trabajos, y las poblaciones carecerán de estos brazos, sin haberse corregido el mal: omite hacer mérito del golpe mortal qe. recibirá el comercio, pues ya todos tienen hechas sus compras, contando con el consumo qe. hacen los indios, sin saber la prohibicion. Es de sentir qe. pa. cortar un mal tan grave y estendido en el pais, se someta las medidas qe. se deben tomar al efecto, á la opinion de las autoridades locales, oyendo su parecer y el de personas respetables, y creé qe. las medidas qe. se resuelvan serán siempre permitiendo el uso moderado, castigando solo el abuso.

+ 1847 – Marzo 13 – Mont.
Mariano Soberanes al Gob. de Cal. Acusando de robo é incendio de su rancho Los Ojitos pr. una partida de gente de Fremont.

Qe. en Dic. del año anterior al pasar pr. su rancho pa. los Angeles, supo qe. una partida de gente de las fuerzas del Coronel Fremont, sin motivo ninguno, incendiaron su casa y todo cuanto en ella habia, tambien el corral y los cercos de las siembras, mataron todas las gallinas y se las comieron, se llevaron cinco caballos, y dos sillas de montar aperadas, y dos de sus hijos, qe. cuidaban de las propiedades fueron conducidos presos: qe. á consecuencia de todo esto ha quedado reducido á la miseria, pues su casa, ropa, muebles, instrumentos de labranza todo desapareció, de manera qe. hasta los utiles pa. trabajar y buscar la subsistencia le hacen falta: pide reparacion, acompañando un certificado de las personas qe. vieron los restos del incendio y la destruccion.

+ 1847 - Marzo 9 - Sn. Antonio.
Vicente Gomez, Mauricio Gonzales y Rafael Anaya.

Certifican ser cierto lo qe. dice Mariano Soberanes en su solicitud al Gob. sobre destruccion de sus propiedades pr. una partida perteneciente á fuerzas de Fremont.

+ 1847 - Marzo 13 - Mont.
Mariano Soberanes - Inventario de lo destruido pr. la partida de Freemont.

1 Casa de adobe de 28 vs. frente, 6 ancho y 5½ de alto, techo de vigas de pino y 3.000 tejas, con un tapanco en qe. habia 4.000 piez de tablas de palo colorado. (Sin avaluo)
50 fs. de trigo.
200 fs. de maiz á $ 4.
55 cueros de res á $ 2.
80 @ de Sebo á $ 1.50.
11. Yugos.
50 gallinas qe. mataron á flechazos y otras muchas menudencias

+ 1847 — Abril 15 — Sn. Luis Obispo.
D. Mariano Bonilla al Gob. Renunciando su empleo de Juez.

Que en Setre. del año anterior fué nombrado alcalde por A. B. Thompson, Prefecto entonces del Distrito de Sta. Bárbara, y que Fremont ratificó en Dicre. del mismo este nombramiento; que sin embargo ha visto desobedecidas todas sus disposiciones, pues los vecinos díscolos desconocen su autoridad, diciendo "que no hay mas juez que las armas de cada uno, y no teniendo las necesarias pa. hacerse respetar, pues los buenos estan en minoría, renuncia el empleo", mandando una escolta para que el que le suceda se pueda hacer respetar.

+ 1847 — Junio 5 — Sta. Barba.
Pablo de la Guerra y Luis Carrillo, Alcaldes al Gral. S. W. Kearny.

Participando que en la eleccion pa. Alcaldes de la jurisdiccion, celebrada en 9

de Mayo último, fueron nombrados pr. el Colegio electoral pa. aquellos empleos, pero siendo Ciudadanos mexicanos, y como pa. ser autoridades de los E. U. se necesita prestar juramento de fidelidad á aquel gobierno, no pueden continuar en el ejercicio de su encargo, pues se les reputaría como traidores á su patria.

+ 1846 - Mayo 13 - Sn. Diego.
Pedro C. Carrillo, Receptor de aquel Puerto.

Nombrado en 1º de Abril de aquel año pr. el Gob. Pio Pico, en virtud de renuncia qe. hizo Enrique Domingo Fitch.

1846 - Mayo 13 - Mont.
Franco. Arias, Juez de 1a. Instancia.

+ 1846 - Abril 20 - Angeles.
Pio Pico á Guillermo Harnell - Haberlo nombrado Gob. de Cal. el Presidente de la República

Participa qe. el Supremo Gobno. conformándose con la propuesta de la Asamblea, lo nombró Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento en 3 de Setiembre del año anterior, pr. conducto del Ministro de Gobernacion y Policía. -

+ 1846 - Mayo 9 - Mont.
José Castro, al Admor. Int.o de la Aduana Marítima. Conservar íntegros todos los ingresos á disposicion de la Com.a Gral. de su mando pa. las emergencias de la guerra.

Que no contando con otras rentas qe. las de las Aduanas pa. subvenir á los gastos qe. deberán emprenderse pa. poner al país en estado de defensa, en caso de qe. se verifique una invasion america-na, conservará íntegros á disposicion

de la Comandancia todos los Ingresos qe. hubiere en la Aduana, no haciendo ninguno pago sin su órden.

+ 1846 — Mayo 12 — Mont.
José Castro, Comte. Gral. al Administrador de la Aduana Maritima, Hartnell — Nota del Ministro de Guerra y Marina, sobre organizacion de fuerzas y creacion de fondos pa. la defensa del territorio.

En apoyo de su órden del 9. sobre conservar á su disposicion integros los ingresos habidos en la Aduana de su cargo, trascribe la nota del Ministro de Guerra y Marina, Almonte, fechada en Mex. Eno. 14 de aquel año, en qe le dice: qe. persuadido el Presidte. de qe. debe prepararse la defensa en el Departo. contra las incursiones de bárbaros, ó cualquier otro enemigo esterior, qe. ataque la integridad del Territorio, ha dispuesto qe. la Coma. Gral. organize con toda su fuerza las Compañias Presidiales,

pa. lo qe. se ha dado orden al Ministro de Hacienda pa. qe. ponga á su disposicion todos los recursos con qe. cuenta el Gobno. Gral. en el Departo. así como se prevendrá pr. el Ministro respectivo, qe. el Gob. de el, coopere, con su acuerdo, al restablecimiento de dichas Compañías

+ 1846- Mayo 15- Mont.
José Castro al Admor. Int.o de la Aduana Marítima.

Orden de entregar á la Tesorería Departamental los Ingresos qe. en su nota anterior le previno tuviese á la disposicion de la Comandancia Gral. de su cargo.

+ 1846- Mayo 15- Mont.
Manuel Castro, Prefecto del 2o. Distrito al Admor. de la Aduana Marítima, Entrega de fondos á la Prefectura.

Que el Gob. del De-

part.º en nota 15 del mes anterior le trascribe la nota qe. en la misma fecha dirigió á su antecesor el Administrador de la Aduana, sobre qe. las dos terceras partes del producto líquido de la misma qe. asigna al Gobierno el art.º 5.º de la ley de 6 de Agosto del año anterior, sean entregadas á la Prefectura de su mando.–

+ 1846– Mayo 16– Mont.
Guill.º E. Hartnell al Com.te Grãl. del Depart.º José Castro– Entrega de todos los fondos de la Aduana al Tesorero Departamental.

Recibió sus 3 notas oficiales, 9, 14 y 15 de aquel mes, la 1.ª relativa al peligro en qe. se encuentra el Depart.º cuya defensa está encargada á la Comandancia, ordenándole conserve íntegros todos los Ingresos, no haciendo ninguna distribucion sin su órden; en la 2.ª le trascribe circular del Ministro de la Guerra, 20 de En.º del anterior, y en la 3.ª le ordena entregar

á la Tesoreria Departamental, los Ingresos qe. hubiere en la Aduana, lo qe. ha verificado en aquella fecha, poniendo á disposicion del Tesorero $17.039.36⅔ cts. y pa. disponer de esta cantidad ha tenido qe. retener á los empleados de la Aduana la mitad de sus alcances, qe. voluntariamte. han franqueado pa. subvenir á las necesidades de la Campaña, qe. puede presentarse.

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1846- Mayo 16- Mont.
Guillo. E. Hartnell, admor. de la Aduana al Prefo. del 2o. Distrito, Manuel Castro.
No poder entregar las ⅔ partes de los productos de la Aduana, pr. las razones qe. espresa.

En contestacion á su nota del dia anterior, dice: qe. es imposible poder dar lleno á órden del Gob. de 15 del anterior, qe. en ella cita, relativa á qe. se entregaran á la Prefectura de su mando las ⅔ partes del producto líquido de los ingresos, pr. haber tenido qe. entregar

al Tesorero Departamental, en virtud de órdenes del Comte. General, todos los fondos existentes

o 1846 - Julio 13 - Mont.
Guillº. Edº. Hartnell, Pablo de la Guerra, Jacinto Rodriguez - Guillº. Antº. Hartnell y Máximo Z. Fernandez - Acta de fidelidad al Gobierno Mexicano.

En el Pto. de Mont. á los 13 dias del mes de Julio del año de mil ocho cientos cuarenta y seis, reunidos en la casa del Admor. de la Aduana Maritima de Mont, los Señores Dn. Guillº. Edº. Hartnell, oficial 1º. de dicha Aduana y los Sres. Guardas Dn. Jacinto Rodriguez, Dn. Guillº. Antº. Hartnel y D. Máximo Fernandez, presididos pr. el Sr. Administrador Dn. Pablo de la Guerra, hizo presente este Sr:

Que encontrándose este punto ocupado pr. las fuerzas del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos, y hallándose las principales personas qe. componen el

Gobierno Departamental en Sta Bárba. ó en algun otro punto del Sur - del Departamento reunidos con el objeto, segun se debe suponer, de defenderse mientras puedan; creé de su deber hacer ver á sus subalternos qe. mientras quede algun rincon del pais bajo la bandera mejicana, todo empleado del gobierno tiene la obligacion de reunirse á ella, y pr. tanto qe. manda á dichos subalternos qe. salgan de aqui cuanto antes con el fin de incorporarse con las pocas fuerzas del gobierno qe. hayan quedado, no habiendo hecho presente esto antes pr. haber salido con el objeto de verse con el Sr. Castro á quien desgraciadamte. no pudo encontrar. Enterado de lo espuesto contestó Dn. Guillo. Edo. Hartnell qe. pr. mas deseos qe. tuviese pa. obedecer el mandato de su jefe, no lo podía verificar sin esponer á la indigencia á su numerosa familia qe. se compone de mas de veinte personas, y qe. no creé qe. el Supremo Gobierno de México, quiera exijir qe. ninguno de sus Ciudadanos haga un sacrificio de este tamaño bajo las circunstan-

cias qᵉ actualmᵗᵉ existen. Los Señores guardas dijeron unanimemᵗᵉ qᵉ ellos si obedecerian gustosamente con tal qᵉ encontrasen los medios de hacerlo, pero qᵉ dudaban mucho de poderlo verificar, tanto pʳ. la imposibilidad de poder encontrar caballos, como pʳ. la suma vigilancia con qᵉ el enemigo guardaba todas las salidas de la poblacion. El Sʳ. Administrador no pudo menos qᵉ confesar qᵉ lo qᵉ esponian sus subalternos era la verdad, pᵒ. qᵉ el cumplia con su obligacion con hacerles saber la suya y mandar lo qᵉ tiene ya mandado, con lo qᵉ leido qᵉ fué lo qᵉ antecede firmaron todos y quedó concluida la presente acta.

+ 1848 - Junio 10 - Mont.
José Miguel Gomez, Presbitero y Ministro del Pueblo de Sⁿ Luis Obispo al Gob.

Acusando al Alcalde de aquel lugar, Jhon Price, pʳ. haber faltado

á la ley en una demanda sobre un molino, perteneciente á la finca.

+ 1848 - Setbre. 27 - Sn. Diego.
Juan Bandini, Juez de aquel punto al Gob.

Renunciando el empleo pr. encontrarse sumamente enfermo y no poder servirlo mas, á pesar de sus buenos deseos -

1848 - Setbre. 8 - Sta. Barba.
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ya la tenia arrendada pr. 2 años al individuo encargado de ella - Contesta diciendo: qe en 29 de Agosto anterior recibió una carta del Srio. H. W. Hallec en qe. le dice qe pr. disposicion del Gob. envia el inventario de los enseres y bienes semovientes de Sn Diego, pa qe disponga de ellos, mas como esto no corresponde, sino al Comisario Prefecto de Misiones, Fr. José Joaquin Jimeno, le contestó qe remitiera estos documentos originales á dicho Prefecto.

+ 1847- Marzo 10- Mont.
Francisco Pinto, al Gob de Cal. Acusando de arbitrariedad al Comte Militar, Teniente Madox.

Qe el 17 de Octe llegó de Sn José y habiéndose presentado al Comte Militar Teniente Madox, y lo detuvo preso, sin mas motivo qe una infundada sospecha, pr. 6 meses, encontrándose entre tantose su familia, entre tanto, en la

mayor miseria; q.e cuando lo dió en libertad, no le quiso entregar el caballo q.e ensillado quedó en su poder

+ 1847 - March. 13th Mont.
Wm A. T. Maddox. Lieut. U. S. M. Corps to S. W. Kearny, Governor of California. In relation to imprisonment of Pinto.

Says that he has received a copy of Pinto's letter. 11th of that month, that Pinto was detained on his arrival at that place, because he had notice that Pinto was organizing a force for the purpose of joining those already in revolt at the South, that he offered to furnish him the ration allowed by Govt, which he declined, prefering to be subsisted by his family; that upon arrival of Fremont at that place, he informed him what he had done in the case, and was directed by him to retain him still as a prisoner. —

Box N.o 11.

Varios.

Documentos sueltos
en Ingles.

English Colection.

1847.

R. Valenzuela J.

S. Fran.co Feb. 23/77.

\+ 1849.- March 24th - Santa Cruz.
Wm. Blackburn. - to Gov. of Cal. Richard B. Mason

Gives notice of his intention to resign his office of Alcalde.

\+ 1849.- March 23th - Camp Angel.
J. W. Macks - To Govr R. B. Mason - Mont.

Reports the proceedings of a Jury trial of Paulett Bonchamps charged with the murder of indian Pedro.

\+ 1849.- April 14.- Sonoma.
L. W. Boggs - To Govr R. B. Mason.

Asks to resign his office of 1st Alcalde.

\+ 1849.- Feb. 12.- S. Juan Bautista.
Alcalde José Ma. Sanchez -
Give notice of the Elecion of a 2nd Alcalde of S. Juan

1849. - April 16th - Los Angeles

Stephen C. Foster 1st Alcalde. - to Gen. Persifer F. Smith Comg. Pacific Division. - San Francisco - Cal.

Sir. - Trusting that you will excuse the liberty I have taken to address you a short communication, relative to the affairs of the District of which I am the 1st Alcalde. - My appointment as Alcalde of the Dist. of Los Angeles dates Nov. 1847 given by Col. R. B. Mason as Civil and military Governor of California. On my proffered resignation in Nov. 1848. an informal order was communicated from the acting secretary of State, to Capt. A. J. Smith third, commanding this Post to the purpose that if the people had not then elected another Alcalde they should proceed to do so in accordance with Col. Mason's Proclamation of Cong. of 1848. Acting on this I gave due notice of an election to be held Dec. 1848: the Polls were kept open the usual time, but no voters appeared.

I then refused to act until at the urgent request of Maj. Graham who arrived in Jan. last. I agreed to continue in office until the Governors pleasure could be known, to aid as far as possible

in preserving the peace of the town wich from that time to this has been filled with Sonoranians & Americans, far exceeding in number the permanent residents, a communication from Col. Mason date February 1847 direct me to continue acting as Alcalde, in consequence of the citizens having failed to elect their authorities.

This District embraces a territory of about 6 in Hundred miles square containing about Five Thousand inhabitants of Hispano-American origin; some six thousand Indians, and forty or fifty foreing residents mostly americans.

The property in the District consisting mostly in lands cattle & vineyards — most amount at a low baluation to $1.500.000 — And with all this, with the exception of two local Alcaldes in points of little importance I am the only authority exercising civil functions in this District.

The Mexican population is tolerably well desposed, but too ignorant and too unenterprising to attempt to remedy the evils under which they labour, from the want of local authorities &.

The foreign residents are too few —

in number although representing large interests, and if I may use the expression too <u>mexicanized</u> to attempt any thing.

Nothing can be done except by order from Supreme Authority with respect to Elections. — This town by mexican law is entitled to a town council of seven members, but has had none since 1847.

No grants or Sales of town lands have been made since that year.

I furnish these few dates believing they may be of some use, and beg the solucion of the following Queries.

Has the Military Commandant of this Post or District, the controlling power over the civil authorities that he had previous to the Declaration of Peace?

Does the Commision under which I act render me or no, independent of the Military commandant in all cases in which Citizens are concerning even if the U. S. is plaintiff?

Is an enlisted soldier in the service of the U. S., in the existing state of affairs aminable to the Alcaldes Courts or to his officer for criminal offences?

These Queries are propounded in

order that by their solution future difficulties similar to what have already occurred may be avoided.

The Case of J. J. Warner the documents relative to whose case are forwarded to you by Maj. Graham by this mail, is one that has given rise to much bad feeling.

I am assured by many residents that if an order, or even a recommendation were given from Head Quarters to hold Elections here, the voters would attend.

Will you if it is consonant with your views give such instructions as may assist in stablishing a better state of things among us.

My own position, without legal knowledge or the means of acquiring it alone & unassisted is very unpleasant and nothing but the Compromise, I am under to those who appointed me and my own interest as a citizen & resident induce me to continue in office to this present time.

Excuse this lengthy communication & believe me — Yours &c.

+ 1849 - Nov. 1º - S. Fran^co
Horace Hawes Prefᵗᵒ - al Govʳ Riley.

Encloses Mr. Colton's Commission as J. of Peace of S. Francisco.

+ Sin ffha. - San Luis Obispo.
W. G. Dana Prefᵗᵒ - to Govʳ Riley.

Respecting the State of his District its wants &.

+ 1849. - Oct 6ᵗʰ - S. José.
Jaˢ Alex. Forbes. - to W. H. Halleck Esq.

Respecting the ownership of certain mines.

+ 1849. - April 30. - S. Fran^co
L. W. Leavenworth - to Govʳ Riley

Reports escape of prisioner charged with committing rape in a married woman

1849.– May 11.– S. José

K. H. Dimmick, 1st Alcalde – to Capt. H. W. Halleck – Acting Secy. of State.

(2 Docs.)

1º – Reports of the trial, sentence and execution of Antº Valencia for the murder of Edward Piles.

2º – Sends copy of trial of Ant. Valencia.

+ 1849.– May 16th. Santa Cruz.

J. L. Majors. – to Govr. of California.

Reports his having been elected Alcalde & asks what are the powers of the Town Council.

+ 1849.– June 1st – S. José.

Ant. Mª Pico Alcalde &. – to Alcalde of Sonoma.

Order relative to F. Robles under sentence to be confined at Sonoma.

+ 1849 - Jun 1st

Teodore Robles — to Benj. Riley

Petition - under sentence to be confined in Sonoma &c.

+ 1849. - August 8.

Town Election in S. Diego.

£ 1849. - August 30. - S. Fran.co

Frank Fink Sec. Town Council - to Gov.r Riley.

Sir - In compliance with a resolution of the Ayuntamiento of this town I have the honor to enclose you a list of the Officers elected by them at previous meetings held during the past month.

Secretary —	Fran Fink
Sergeant at arms	Jonathan Cade
City Surveyor	Wm. M. Eddy
Tax Collector	P. C. Landers
Capt. of Police	Malachi Fallon
City Attorney	A. C. Peachy
Street Inspector	N. R. Davis
Treasurer	Benj.n Burgoyne
City Physician	John R. Palmer

+ 1849. – September 11th – S. Fran.co
Horace Hawes Prefect &c. – to Gov.r Riley

(2 Docs.):

1.o – Respecting ordinance of Town Council

2.o – Respecting to authorize the payment of a Clerk the sum $3000 – per annum.

+ 1849. – Sept. 21st – S. José
W. B. Almond. – to Gov.r Riley.

(2 Docs.)

1st – Names Mr. Melone Sheriff & Ryland as Clerk of Court of 1st Instance.

Sept. 29th

2d – Notifying that have appointed – Capt. Andrew Sublette Sheriff of the District of San Francisco.

+ 1849. – Sept. 27th – S. José
R. M. May Judge of 1st Inst. – to Gov.r Riley.

Respecting the Appt. of Sheriff R. C. Keyes.

+ 1849.- Sept.- 29. S. Fran.co Post Office
Jacob B. Moore - to Gov.r Riley.

Asks for the Appt. of Notary Public.

+ 1849.- Oct. 3d.- Sonoma.
Chas. P. Wilkins Prefect. - to Gov.r Riley.

Enclosing petition for a special election at Sonoma.

+ 1849.- Oct. 3d.- S. Fran.co
Henry Reed Secr. of Prefect. - to Gov.r Riley.

Enclosing for examination tripli-cate bills of the "Placer Times" for $500-against the U. S. Government, for prin-ting and publishing 501 Copies of "Laws of California".

+ 1849.- Nov. 16.- Sacramento City.
E. O. Crosby Prefect &c. to B. Riley

Respecting Election of Alcaldes &c.

+ 1849.- Feb. 20.- Mont.

Papers relating to the trial of Domingo Hernandez and sentence of Jury - preparation for the execution &c.

+ 1849 - Feb. 22.- Mont.
Florencio Serrano Alcalde &c. - to Gov. Riley.

Reports after the execution of sentence of Jury in the Trial of Hernandez.

+ 1849. Feb. 11.- S. Juan Bautista.

Petition of the Citizens of S. J. Bautista for a local Alcalde - for powder & lead to punish Indian Horse-thieves. - (in Spanish)

+ 1849 – May 31. Sta. Barbara.
R. Carrillo Alcalde – to Govt. Secretary – Mont.

Acknowledges receipt of the Secty of States letter of 30th April last, approving the investment of $500 for building a Jail

+ 1849. – April 17. – Los Angeles
L. T. Graham – to Capt. H. W. Halleck, Secty of State.

Francis's letter of Dic. Dies and proceedings of Alcalde Foster in case of J. C. Warnes charged with stealing Govt. Mules.

+ 1849. June 4th – Mont.
T. M. Leavenworth Esq. to Govr. Riley.

Asks for new election in San Francisco the payment of election civil expenses. – also resigns his office to take effect on the election of a successor.

+ 1849. – Junio 1º. – S. Luis Obispo.

Padre José Miguel Gomez. – al Capn. Halleck Srio. d Gob.

Acusa recibo á su carta fha. 15 del ppdo, y en contestacion dice: que el Alcalde há cumplido fiel y legalmte. con la ór. del Gob. q. mandó se le pusiera en posecion de los edificios y terrenos q. el Gob. Michelto. tuvo á bien conceder á aquel curato: – que era falzo q. se le hubiese dado terreno a Wilson que era un bribon q. por consideracion, no quiso decirle la conducta q. observó con el, este Sr. Wilson: pues que el Domingo de Pascua, mandó unos mosos á decirle q. le permitiera hacer toros en el Corral de la Parroquia y q. por no habersela concedido por mil razones poderosas, como era la de q. no fuesen á hacer cosas obcenas é inmorales cerca del templo, q. le insultaron otros mosos de ór. del mismo Wilson, al grado de votarlo en tierra, lo maltrataron y rompieron á pedradas el Zahuan, concluyendo con hacer su comida de toro y lo que les dió la gana. todo lo cual provaria cuando fuese necesario. – Que sentia mucho espresarse en los termi-

nos q. quedan espuestos, pero q. consideraba necesario hacerlo asi, por q. de lo contrario, el mal se estenderia al estremo de perderse la religion.

+ 1849. Junio 12 - Angeles.
Alcalde José del C. Lugo - al Sr. d. Gob.r

(3 Docs.)

1.o — Comunica el robo hecho por los Indios gentiles en diversos Ranchos de algunas manadas de caballada, habiendo sido dificil una pronta y vigorosa persecucion contra los malhechores por estar el vecindario enteram.te escaso de armas y municiones, las cuales esperaba se le suministrasen á aquel Juzgado p.a el caso en q. se repitan estas escursiones como no lo dudaba sucediese en vista de haber salido bien los indios en sus dos primeros golpes q. dá cuenta.

2.o — Pidiendo una ley que tratase de la Constitucion de Jura-

-dos para normar los procedimientos en el Juzg.º de su cargo.

Mayo 30.

3.º — Dando conocimiento de haber prestado el Juramento respectivo el 20 del presente, el I. Ayuntam.to de aquella Ciudad, comenzando á ejercer sus funciones.

1849.- Mayo 15.- S. Luis Obispo.
Miguel Avila Alcalde &. - al Srio. de Gob.º

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1.º - Da informe de algunas dificultades acaecidas contra su autoridad en el Distrito de su cargo, y pide algun auxilio de tropa para hacerse respetar.

2.º - Remite copia de la acta del procedim.to en que dió posesion al Padre Gomez de la Mision de San Luis Obispo.

3.º - Comunica la aprehension de un

indio llamado California por el delito de homicidio á quien se le formó su correspond.te causa saliendo sentenciado á cinco años de presidio á Monterey — que dho. reo quedaba (en su casa quedaba) entretanto en su casa por no haber segura prision en el lugar ni medios de conducirlo á donde fué sentenciado: lo q. ponia en su conocim.to para que resolviese lo conveniente.

4.o — Sobre el mismo asunto del C. Padre Gomez.

5.o — Informe contra Mariano Bonilla por insultos á su autoridad dentro del Juzgado de su cargo.

Abril 20.

6.o — Consulta, sobre si la eleccion de Alcalde q. se le ordenó hacer debia recaer solamente sobre los individuos q. residian dentro del pueblo ó Mision de S. Luis Obispo ó bien en los individuos de toda la demarcacion; pues q. para reducir dha eleccion al primer pun-

to, habia muy pocos habitantes.

+ 1849. – Mayo 10. – S. Luis Obispo.
Fr. – J. Miguel Gomez – al Srio. de Gobierno

Avisa haver puesto en ejecucion el Alcalde M. Avila, la orden del Gobierno, á la cual se habian resistido los litigantes hasta insultar al Alcalde por que queria obrar en justicia; por cuya circunstancia, suplicaba mandase el auxilio necesario á dha. autoridad, para que esta corrigiese algunos abusos q. habia necesidad de corregir. – Que D. Juan Wilson se negaba á entregar toda la finca y solo queria hacerlo con un cuarto por cuyo motivo esperaba q. mandase la of. del Gob. mas esplicada.

+ 1849. – Abril 28. – Sta. Barb.a
Raymundo Carillo Juez de 1.a Inst.a – al Srio. d Gob. – Mont.

Solicita se le proporcionen leyes

para dirigir sus procedimientos en el Juzg.do de su cargo y carceles para encerrar á los delincuentes - Pide asi mismo se le asigne el Sueldo q. corresponda desde la fha. que comenzó á servir su empleo.

+ 1849 - Nob. 6. - Ang.s

José C. Lugo Juez de 1a. Inst. de los Ang.s - al Pref.to de la misma Ciudad Estevan C. Foster.

Trascrive la Comunicacion de Agustin Olvera, por la cual le participa el nombramiento q. el Gob.r del Estado hizo en la persona del espresado Olvera, p.a Juez de 1a. Inst.a; pidiendo este se le ponga á su disposicion dho. Juzgado á fin de llenar y dar cumplim.to á la of. de la Superioridad.

+ 1849 - Nob. 16. - Los Ang.s

Foster. - á H. W.m Halleck Srio. de Estado.

Adjunta la comunicacion del alcal-

de primero José C. Lugo relativa al nombram.to de Olivera para Juez de 1.a Inst.a incluye así mismo la communicacion q.e con tal motivo pasó la Prefectura el 8 de Nob. al referido Juez Lugo.

+ 1849.= Nob. 16.- Mont.y
José M.a Sanchez . . - al Gob.r de Cal.

Representacion quejandose q.e en el Pueblo de S. Juan Bautista se infringia con grave perjuicio la orden del Gob.r Mason su antecesor espedida en 27 d. Abril 847 que prohibia terminantem.te la venta de licores espirituosos á los indios, aun cuando que estaba en toda su fuerza y era cometido con escandalo por el mismo Sub-Pref.o que tenia el espendio de licores en su propia tienda, habiendo hecho presente esta circunst.a al Pref.o del Dist.o quien habia disimulado desentendiendo la queja.= Proveido del Gob.r en 17 del mismo mes (Nob.) al calce de la representacion, declarando vigentes todas las dis-

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posiciones y reglamentos ^de policia q. no estubie
sen derogados por autoridad competente.
Todo lo cual se recomendaba al Prefecto
p.a q. cumpliese é hiciese cumplir
las leyes, informando sobre las faltas
incurridas por el Sub-Prefecto p.a apli-
carle el castigo correspond.te —
Informe del Prefecto en 17 del
mismo mes (Nob.) en que dice ser
falso el informe de Sanchez en su ult.
parte q. le concierne &c. lo firma D. Spence.

+ 1849: Nob. 1.o — Mont.y
D. Spence Pref.o — al Srio. de Estado.

Comunica los trastornos produ-
cidos por los dros. Municipales man-
dados cobrar sobre licores yá despacha-
dos por la Aduana: é incluye origi-
nal otra comunicacion del Ayunt.o
relativa al mismo objeto.

+ 1849. - Oct. 31. - Mont.

Franco. Rodrigz. - Alcalde. - al Sup. del Dist.

Comunica la resistencia de los Sres. Boston, Boiven Co. q. el colector de Aduana Halleck, en pagar los dros. municipales q. adeudaban por licores q. tenian hacia dias introducidos; y cuya resistencia, habia dado mal ejemplo á otras personas que adeudaban por igual dro. - lo que ponia en su superior conocimto. el Aymto.; advirtiendo q. la Corporacion, no contaba con mas fondos, q. los dros. q. producia la introduccion de licores y los costos de las tiendas mensualmte.; mientras q. habia q. erogar fuertes gastos entre los q. figuraba el de $1000 - que costaba lebantar el plano de la poblacion (Mont.) por cuya razon pedian se hiciese efectivo el pago q. dhos. Sres. tenian pendientes á lo cual estaban obligados mientras el Gobr. ó la proxima Legislatura no derogase dhos. impuestos -

+ 1849.- Octe. 2. Mont.
Antº. Mª. Pico Pref. del Dist. de S. José. _ al Srio. d Estado.

Comunica para conocimto. del Gob. haber nombrado Srio. de la Prefa. a su cargo al C. Franco. Arce.

+ 1849. Agosto 30.- Mont.
Milton Little. _ al Alcalde Ygnº. Esquer

Renuncia el nombramto. de 2º. Regidor del Aygmto.

+ 1849.- Agosto 31.- Mont.
Ygnº. Esquer &. _ á Milton Little.

Devuelve la comunicacion en que hizo renuncia de su nombramto. de 2º. Rgdor. y que impuesto del proveido del C. Prefecto á quien dió conocimto. de su nota, se presentare al Juzgdo. de su cargo, á otorgar el juramto. de estilo, en atencion de haber habido lugar á su renuncia

× 1849. – Mayo 8. – Mont.
Lgn. Esquer Alcalde – al Srio. de Estado.

Comunica haber solicitado solares varios individuos pa. fabricar en la Ciudad y sabiendo existia una orden relativa al asunto espedida por el Gob. Mason la cual no se habia podido encontrar en el Juzgo.; ni aparecia ningun plan de solares que dió Colton durante el tpo. que ejerció la Magistratura, no habia querido proceder sin consultar antes al Gobr. como lo hacia sobre el particular; suplicando se le contestase pa. inteligencia de su Juzgado.

Sin fha. – S. Diego.
José A. Estudillo Prefo. – al Srio. d Gobo.

Comunica haber recibido 114 ejemplares de la Constitucion y una Proclama del Gobr. (en ambos idiomas) espedida el 24 del ppo. Octe.

+ 1849.— Feb. 21.— Ang.

Agustin Olvera — al Srio. de Estado.

Comunica: q. habiendo recivido en Set. pp.do el nombram.to de Juez de 1.a Inst.a de (Mont.y) pasó una carta oficial al alcalde 1.o q. José del C. Lugo q. con tal caracter reasumia la espresada Judicatura q. archivo correspond.te y que como el Alcalde referido no tuvo la atencion de contestarle, á los ocho dias le reprodujo otra nota protestando su punible falta y requiriendo nuevamente el cumplim.to de la orden Sup.r — que así mismo recurrió al Pref.o del Dist.o C. E. C. Foster, del q. nó recibió mejor satisfaccion que del referido Alcalde: — todo lo cual ponia en conocim.to de Gob.o por su digno conducto p.a manifestarle q. le habian causado el desagrado el ataque brusco hácia su persona de las referidas autoridades, de cuyas comunicaciones y como comprovantes de lo q. dejaba espuesto, remitia las copias respectivas, marcadas desde el N.o 1 hasta el 10. inclusive.

Document.s sueltos.

Nombres de las autoridades, fha. y caracter con que fungian.

+ 1842.– Mayo 13.– Mont.
José Z. Fernandez Juez 1o. de 1a. Inst.a +.

+ 1841.– Nob. 10.– Mont.
Cap.n José Castro.– al Gob.r Alvarado.

Solicitud del terreno de Salinas en el Puerto de S. Quintin Frontera de la Baja California y su tit.o original espedido en 27 de Abre. del mismo año.

+ 1840.– Julio 24.– San Carlos.
Joaquin Gutierrez.– á J. M.a Villavicencio Pref.to del 1.er Dist.o

Solicitud de un terreno, con el proveido del Pref.o pidiendo que informe el Juez de Paz de Mont. David Spence, quien dijo no haber lugar al denuncio ó solicitud.

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+ 1840.– Julio 30.– S. Juan de Castro

J. Ma. Villavicencio Prefto. del 1er. Distto. – Franco. C. Arce.- Srio.

+ 1841.– Feb. 10.– S. Juan de Castro

José Castro Prefto. del 1er. Distto. –

+ 1841.– Enero 27. S. Miguel (ex-mision.)

Inocente Garcia, informa sobre una solicitud de un terreno de Filomeno Pico.

+ 1839.– Marzo 27.– S. Juan d. Castro

J. Castro Prefto. del 1er. Distto. – y José Ma. Covarrubias Srio.

Firman la toma de razon de Catorce conseciones de terrenos al darse la posesion correspondiente.

+ 1839. – Feb. 14. – Mont.^l

Juan J. Higuera. – al Gob.^r Alvarado

Solicita la concesion de un solar en el establecim.^to de S. Juan Bautista. – con el proveido al margen de otra solicitud, en q.^e el Gob.^r pide informe el Admor. de otra Mision C. José Castro. –

+ 1839. – Feb. 14. – Mont.^l

Solicitud de Guillermo Roberto Garner por el parage "San Luisito" – i Informe de Juan P. Ayala, – Alcalde i encargado de San Luis Obispo.

+ 1839. – Feb.^o 11. – S. José Guadalupe

Diego Forbes. – al Gob.^r Alvarado. – Mont.^l

Espediente. – consta de la solicitud del parage "San Ramon"; el informe en 15 de Abril del mismo año por José Noriega Alcalde const.^l y José Z. Fernandez. – Srio.

Toma de Razon de la fcha en que se dió poseccion de varios terrenos.

Fechas.			Propietarios.	Nº. d. sitios	Parages.
1835.	Set.	24.	David Spence	2 sitº.	"Rincon de Bna. Esperanza"
1835.	Dbre.	11.	J. Ramon Estrada	1½ id.	"El Toro."
1835.	Dbre.	10.	José Joaqn. Gomez	2.	"Los Vergeles".
1835.	Dbre.	9.	Juan Malarin	½	"Llanito de los Correos"
1840.	Dbre.	10.	id. id.	2	"Chualar"
1840.	Dbre.	11.	Gabriel dela Torre.	½	"Sanjones".
1840.	Dbre.	11.	Teodoro Gonzales.	4	"Rincon de la Punta del Monte."
1842.	Oct.	3.	Rafael Gonzales.	5.	"S. Miguelito"
1843.	Dbre.	1º.	Esteran Munras	4½.	"San Visente."
1843.	Dbre.	4.	Esteran d la Torre	4	"Canada dela Viña"
			Gmo. Castro	2	"San Leandro"
			Gabriel Castro	3	"Monte del Diablo" ó "Rancho del Vil."
1839.	Mzo.	27.	Antº. Moreno		"La Huerta del Rey"
1840.	Julio	30.	Esteran Espinosa	1/4 de legua)	"Rancho Nacional."

Toma

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+ 1839. – Feb. Sta. Barb.ª
Andres Castillero. – al Gob.r Alvarado.

Carta particular en que suplica la consecion de la "Ysla de Sta Catalina" recomendando estendiese el tít.º su amigo el Lic. Cosme Peña; pero sin que entendiese D.ⁿ Tomás Robins, que el la habia pretendido, sino que habia sido un acto voluntario del Gob.º en cedersela.

+ 1839. – Junio 17. – Mont.
Gmo. Buckley. – al Pref.to del 1.er Dist.º

Solicita el parage "Agua Puerca" en las inmediaciones de la Exposicion de Sta. Cruz. – é Informe de F.co Soto Admor. de esta Mision.

+ 1837. – Oct. 21. – Mont.
Gmo. Buckley. (ingles). – al Gob.r Alvarado.

Solicita el parage "La Carbonera" é

informe de Antº Rodrigº Alcalde auxiliar de la Villa de Branciforte.

Nombres de algs. Autorides y lugar de su resida. = fha. &.

+ 1835. - Oct. 2. - S. José Guadpe

Adrian Ferguson. - á José Castro, Gefe Politico intº -

Solicitud de un terreno - é informe de Juan Alvires Alcalde de S. José, que dice: q. el solicitante no tenia carta de naturaleza, ni era casado &.

+ 1836. - Feb. 23. S. José Guadpe

Juan Alvires - Alcalde Constitl.

+ 1839. - Mayo 10. S. Francisco.)

Francº de Haro Alcalde Constitucional

+ 1837. - Nbre. 23. - Sonoma.

Mariano G. Vallejo Comandte Grál. de Cal.

+ 1837.- Dbre. 2. S. Rafael.
Timoteo Murphy Admor. &.

+ 1836.- Feb. - S. José Guadpe
José Ma Alvisu- Alcalde Constl y José Berrellesa. Sio.

+ 1794.- Oct. 12.- Mexico.
Virey de Branciforte. - al Gobr. de Cals

Communica haberse reconocido las pequeñas piedras ochavadas q. con carta No. 12 de 15 de Julio ultº le remitió; las cuales habían resultado ser granate de ínfima clase y de poca ó ningun valor; que en otro tiempo, solían tener uso en la Medicina; pero que en el dia, se habían desterrado aun de la farmacia por estar calificados como venenos corrosivos, todos los cristales y piedras preciosas.

+ Libro (Nº 25) de Instrument.s pub.s en que constan varias escrituras de traslacion de dominio desde 1844 - 49 - Por el Juzg.º del Dist.º de Mont.

Autoridades. +

+ 1844. - Julio 16. - Mont.l

Florencio Serrano Alcalde 2º Const.l y Juez de 1ª Inst.ª interino.

+ 1845. Marzo 12. - Mont.l

D. Marcelino Escobar Alcalde 1º Const.l y Juez de 1ª Inst.ª +

+ 1846. - Marzo 30. - Mont.l

D. Manuel Diaz Alcalde 1º Const.l y Juez 1ª (Const.) Inst.ª +

+ 1846 - Junio 3. - Mont.l

Ygn.º Ésquer Regidor décano del Ayun.tam.to - Alcalde 1º in turno y Juez de 1ª Inst.ª +

+ 1846. – Set. 9. – Mont.

Walter Colton Juez de Paz &.

Autoriza la venta de un terreno de dos sitios de ganado mayor situado en la entrada del P.^to de S. Fran.^co; comenzando desde la "Laguna de loma Alta" hasta "Punta de Lobos:" otorgada por Benito Diaz á James C. Larkin en la suma de $1000. –

+ 1847. Julio 25. – Mont.

Walter Colton 1.^er Magistrado &.

+ 1849. June 12^th – Mont.

J. Hallecks Comissioner of Deeds in the Dist. & James Mc. Knisey. (L S.)

+ 1844. – Mayo 21. – Mont.

Florencio Serrano Alcalde 2.^o Constitucional &.

Autoriza un poder otorga-

do por el Obispo del Departam.to Fran.co Garcia Diego á favor de D. Pedro Ramirez Diputado del Depart. de Zacatecas, para q. cobrase en su representacion á la Aduana Maritima de Gmas. la Congrua de $6000. que le fué asignada por Decreto de 17 de Set. de 1836.

\+ 1844. – Feb. 16 – Abril 12. – Mont.
José Amesti. – Alcalde 1o. Const.l

\+ 1848. – Mayo 5. – Sta. Barb.a
Raymundo Carrillo. – al Gob.r R. B. Mason.

Acusa recibo á su nota de 7 de Abril pp. en q. le pidió el Decreto de la E. Asamblea que anuló la venta de Misiones hechas por D. Pio Pico, cuyo Decreto no lo remitia, por haberlo prestado al vice Consul de España D. Cesareo Lataillade, q. se lo pidió prestado y habia partido p.a Mont. sin acordarse de de-

volverselo

+ 1783.- Enero 11.- Mexico.
Virey. Martin de Mayorca +.

Decreto ordenando recoger la Moneda de plata en pesos, acuñada con un troquel q. en lugar de 1782 se grabó 1872 - á fin de fundirla y labrarla de nuevo. — Se publicó en S. Diego el 22 de Junio de 1783 por el Comand.te José de Zúñiga. En Santa Barbara por Joseph Fco. de Ortega. En Mont. por Diego Gonzales y en S. Fran.co por Joseph Moraga.

+ 1847.- Junio 14.- Sta. Clara. (N.o 3.)
Fr. José M.a del Refugio Suarez del Real - á Juan Burton - Juez de S. José.

Comunica haber recibido su nota del 10 del corriente, y que le sorprendia ver la firmeza con q. asentaba q. sus instrucciones eran administrar justicia refinen

dose á los dos individuos C. A. R. q. habia casado civilmte.– Entra en una larga disertacion sobre este tema y concluye: "que el como Alcalde, no estaba autorizado para barrenar las superiores disposiciones del Sr. Kearny q. tenia instrucciones del Gobo. de E. U. para respetar y protejer las Instituciones Religiosas de Cal.– que sus feligreses no solo no podian casarse ante las autoridades municipales, pero ni aun ante otro Sacerdote sin su previo permiso. y q. nunca se figuró q. el lo hiciera profesando la misma R. C., esponiendose así, á los terribles anatemas fulminados por el Santo Concilio de Trento contra los que Cooperaban de alguna manera pa. autorizar un amanseramto. de esa clase, cosa que le hacia muy poco honor y de lo cual esperaba se abstendria de repetir un acto de igual naturaleza; pues q. se veria obligado á tratarlo con toda la severidad de las leyes Canonicas.– y que quedase en la inteligencia que en esta misma ftra. daba cta al Gobo. de estos hechos q. habian llenado al pueblo de escandalo."

+ 1847.- Junio 10.- S. José (Nº 2.)
Juan Burton. — á Fr. J. Mª S. del Real.

Acusa recibo á su comunicacion del dia antr., en que le reprueba el acto de haber casado civilmte. á Benjamin Wackborn y Sra. Mojica, y en contestacion dice: que sus instrucciones eran administrar justicia segun las leyes mejicanas en cuanto no chocasen con la Constitn. de los E.U. y que dha. constitn. no reconocia ninguna religion, sino que veia el Matrimonio como un Contrato civil.- asegura por ultt. q. no tenia deseo de casar miembro alguno de la Ygl. Catª pero q. cuando era llamado pª autorizar un acto de igual naturaleza tenia q. cumplir con su deber.

+ 1847. Junio 8. - Sta. Clara. (Nº 1.)
Fr. J. Mª S. del Real. — á J. Burton Alc. de S. José

Reprovandole haber autorizado el matrimonio civil de Manuel Benjamin y martha Mojica, pide que le envie el certificado de dho. acto, y hacer que comparescan los

contrayentes á su presencia pª. enterarlos de la nulidad de su matrimonio, y las penas á que se habian espuesto; y en las que incurririan si permanecian contumaces &ª.

+ 1847. - Junio 14. - Sta. Clara
Fr. J. Mª. S. del Real. - al Gobr. de Cal.

Remite las Comunicaciones marcadas con los Nº. 1 2 y 3 relativas á las contestaciones con el Juez J. Burton con motivo del casamto. de Benjamin y la Sta. Mafica: se queja y protesta contra dhos. actos &ª. - pide le resuelva esta queja pª. dar cuenta á la Sagrada Mitra.

+ 1847. - Junio 14. - Sta. Clara. (Nº. 10.)
Fr. J. Mª. S. del Real - Juez y Procurador de las Misiones. - al Gobr. de Cal.

Comunica que en virtud de la Comision con que le honró el S.

Kearny q̃e fué testigo de vista, de los fundamentos de la representacion q̃ hizo con fha 12 de Marzo del p̃te año; le acompaña el Inventario de los muebles y cosas que se perdieron á consecuencia de la forzosa ocupacion de las Misiones de Sta. Clara y S. José, por los emigrados y tropas de los E. U. y el cual importa la suma de $4407- 50 ç; sin contar la destruccion de las fabricas y viñedos &. cuyo valor, no bajaba segun inventario grãl. á precios infimos, de la Cantidad de $15575- # quince mil quinientos setenta y cinco pesos # de ambas Misiones: todo á virtud de las ofs del Sr. Fremont; (cuya of. obraba en los documentos q̃e en la yá referida fha. dirijió á aquel Cobno) que la lucha entre dos Republicas hermanas como Mejico y los E. U. nada tenia que ver con los intereses de menores como eran los de la Yglesia, lo q̃ debió tener presente Fremont, cuando, contra el espiritu de las leyes hacia la guerra á costa de particulares &c. - Hase algunas otras observaciones fundadas en favor de su dro. y concluye pidiendo una resolucion satisfactoria.

+ (1847.- Junio 14. Sta Clara) (Nº 11.)

Ynventario grãl á que se refiere la Communicacion antr. marcado con el Nº 10.- relativa á las cosas y destrozos q. se hicieron en las Misiones de S. José y Sta. Clara; arrojando solamente la suma de $3940.- # tres mil novecientos cuarenta pesos. # disintiendo en la cantidad de q. trata la citada Comunicacion

+ 1847.- Mayo 1º.- Sta. Clara. (Nº 12.)
P.dre Real. - al Magistrado Burton - S. José.

Comunica: q. habiendo pasado el dia 20 ó 21 á la Mision de S. José p.a celebrar la funcion del Sto Titular, le hizo presente, q. su casa de la Mision de S. José no se habia desocupado, circunstancia que habia hecho q. estubiese todo el dia en la calle, hasta que le parecio conveniente vaciar unos cuartos p.a alojarlo: hace presente algunos destrozos que se le habian hecho como eran la de 23 violines y tres bajos q. pertenecian á la musica; algunas piezas q. se ha-

bían destechado p.ª hacer cercos, 1500 pies de madera q. estaban en los corredores &c. y otros mil que enumera, pidiendo en contestacion le diga si se contendrán estos males ó si p.ª ello tendria necesidad de ocurrir nuevam.te con su aviso al Sr. Gobernador ó Comand.te Gral.

+ 1847.– Mayo 1º.– S. José. (# Nº 13.)
J. Burton &c.– al P.dre Real.

Acusa recibo á su nota oficial en que se queja de los destrozos q. se han hecho en las Misiones de S. José y Santa Clara; y dice: que se hallaba en la mejor disposicion para acordarle toda la proteccion q. estuviese á su alcance, conforme á las ord.s recibidas de S. E. el Gob.r que al efecto, habia notificado repetidas veces á las gentes que vivian en dhas. Misiones para que saliesen de las fincas q. tenian ocupadas sin el permiso de S. R.– que en cuanto á los daños recibidos, ocurriese al Gob.r quien podia arreglarlos.

+ 1849. – Mayo 12. – S. Luis Obispo

Certificacion firmada por Nicolas Carpio, J. Mar.^no Bonilla y Miguel Serrano dando fé, de la protesta de D. Juan Wilson al darse posecion de las fincas por el Alcalde al P.^dre de la Mision de S. Luis Fr. J. Miguel Gomez.

+ 1847. – Marzo 29. – Mont.^l
Ten. Coronel Victor Prudon. – al Gob.^r de Cal.

Representacion pidiendo amparo de varias tropelias del Juez de Paz y el Condestable de Sonoma llamados Green y Nash despojandolo de varios bienes y por ultimo de su propia casa q. pertenecia antes á la ex-Mision de San Francisco Solano y le fué adjudicada en pago de sus sueldos por el Comand.^te Gral. José Castro, segun el titulo que al efecto acompaña. – (Fha. del Tit.^o – Junio 9 de 1846.)

+ 1848. - Mayo 31. - S. Diego.
Juan Bandini. - al Coronel J. D. Stevinson.

Informa respecto de las Misiones conforme le pide en su carta fha. 26 del pto. y dice: q. siendo el Srio. de Gob.o le consultó el Gob.r Pio Pico el medio q. debía adoptarse para evitar la total ruina q. amenazaba sobre dhos. establecim.tos y consultado, se le nombró por el mismo Gob.r en Comisión cerca del Padre Presidente de las Misiones entonces Fr. Narciso Durán con el fin de arreglar la armonía entre ambas autoridades: y que salvado este paso, se expidió el Decreto de 28 de Mayo 1845 por la Asamblea Departamental de Cal. que no remitía el Decreto por habérsele traspapelado, pero q. su contenido fué q. las Misiones abandonadas por los Indios como la Purísima, S. Miguel, S. Juan Cap.no, S. Luis Obispo y acaso alguna otra, se les diese el término de un mes con llamam.to á los indios de ellas p.a q. las ocupasen y de no hacerlo, se considerasen bienes mostrencos, y á disposición del Gob.o Dptal. p.a ponerlas

en venta pública y al mejor postor como se verificó, asistiendo él (Baldini) personalmente - que para mayor claridad en el asunto acompañaba un Reglamento original - q. como el citado decreto dió tambien facultades al Gob.º p.ª arrendar las Misiones que aun tubiesen indios y bienes suficientes, se pusieron en arrendamiento y lo fueron, que él supiera: S. Fern.do S. Buenaventura, Sta. Barbara y Sta. Ynes &. - que como quedaban algunas Misiones bajo el sistema de Mayordomos gravando los propios intereses sin provecho alguno, la Asamblea espidió otro Decreto en Abril ó Mayo de 46. relativo al objeto; que ignoraba el procedim.to del Gob.º en la parte Reglamentaria, y solo supo, q. habia vendido algunas Misiones, q. á él no le tocaba investigar ni aclarar por q. nada presenció de ello - concluye manifestando q. todo su informe si fuese de alguna utilidad y se le queria dar publicidad por medio de la prensa, no habia embarazo p.r ello.

+ 1848. – Feb. 2. – Mont.

Fr. J. Mª. S. del Real. – al Gobr. de Cal.

– Protesta contra la resolucion del Gobº. en lo relativo á la venta de los terrenos de la Mision de Sta. Clara y S. José &. (en Ingles y Español.)

+ 1849. – Julio 20. – Sta. Clara.

Protesta de varios indigenas de la Mision, al Alcalde de S. José Antº. Mª. Pico quien la elevó al Gobº. en la misma fha.; contra la venta de los bienes de las Misiones proyectada por el Padre Real.

+ 1849. – Set. 17. – Mont.

Fr. J. Mª. S. del Real. – al Gobr. de Cal.

Solicitando su aprovacion para el Contrato celebrado con D. Juan Steenbergen por el Arrendamtº. de las Mi-

siones de Sta. Clara y S. José
cuya escritura acompaño en copia.

+ 1849.- Julio 17.- Sta. Clara.

Escritura de arrendamto. de las Misiones de S. José y Santa Clara celebrada por Fr. José Ma. Zuares del Real- Fr. Antº. Anzar Presidente &. á favor de D. Juan B. Steenberger por la suma de $22.000- + veinte y dos mil pesos + en tres plazos, pagaderos en plata ú oro sellado.

+ 1847.- Julio 30.- Sta. Barba.
Fr. J. Ma. de Jesus Gonzales - al Gob. Mason.

Pide se obligue á los Adminis-tradores ó arrendatarios de las tierras Misionales de Sta. Ynes, rindan sus cuentas pagando con religiosidad lo que adeudan pa. q. puedan sub-sistir los Misioneros encarg. del Seminario

+ 1848. Marzo 3. Mont.
José Castro. al Gob.r de Cal.

Comunica: que habiendo hecho compra á Olivie Delesegne de la Huerta de arboles de S. Juan Bautista, cuyo tit.o fué espedido á Delesegne por el Gob.r Pio Pico: y sabiendo q.e S.E. se reservaba la decicion de tales tit.s suplicaba, que entre tanto tenia lugar dha. resolucion se le mandase poner en posecion de dha. finca con solo el objeto de disfrutar de sus frutos á fin de sostener á su numerosa familia &.

+ 1848. Agosto 30. Sta. Barb.a
Fr. J. M.a de J.s Gonzalez. á Halleck Srio. &.

Comunica haber recivido su nota fha. 18 del corriente con el Inventario que la acompaña de los muebles y semovientes pertenecientes á la Mision de S. Diego los cuales documentos habia pasado á Fr. José Joaq.n Jimeno á quien correspondia cumplir con la of. de S.E. como

Comisario Pref.^o de Misiones de la parte Sur de la Alta California.

+ 1848. – Feb. 9 – Sta. Ynes.
Fr. José J. Jimeno. – al Gob.^r +

Dá las gracias por la resolucion satisfactoria q. dió en el asunto de queja contra los Arrendatarios de la Mision de Sta. Ynes.

+ 1846. – Junio 8. – Ang. (# N.^o 3.)
Gob.^r Pio Pico. – y José Matias Moreno. – Sec.

Autorizan el Tit.^o de la venta de la Mision de San Diego á favor de D. Santiago Argüello – y certifica su cópia el Juez de Paz de San Diego Rob.^t Clift el 12 de Oct. de 1847.

+ 1848. – Enero 30. – Sta. Ynes.
Fr. José T. Ximenez. – al Gob. Mason.

Comunica haberse convenido con el arrendatario José Ma. Covarrubias sobre el pago de lo que adeudaba del arrendamto. del año antr. por la finca de la Misión.

+ 1849. – Nbre. 6. – Sta. Barba.
Fr. José Ma. de J. Gonzalez. – á Halleck. – Srio.

Comunica: que habiendo en la Mision de S. Buenaventura una viña llamada "Sta Gertrudis" q. habia sufrido mucho por no ser atendida por los indios á quienes pertenecia, le suplicaba hacerlo presente al Gobr. á fin de que se le hiciese donacion de ella á la Yglecia de aquella Parroquia para la Conservacion del culto y subsistencia de los mismos indigenas &. &.

+ 1848.- Marzo 21.- Ang.

José Ant.º Cota. - al Cor. Steabinson Com.te del Sur &.

Acusa recibo á su comunicacion fha. 14 del corrte. y en su consecuencia; le acompaña la razon de los acreedores q. se presentaron á la comision de clacificacion, y cuyos créditos contra la Mision de S. Gabriel hacendian á la suma de $3014. + tres mil catorce pesos &. = Recomienda se llame la atencion del Gob.no, acerca del estado ruinoso de dha. Mision y de lo urgente que era tomar alguna medida á fin de que quedasen cubiertos sus créditos, no debiendo pasar en silencio la ilegal y escandaloza venta q. habia hecho de un alambique, el actualm.te encargado de administrarla, siendo en perjuicio de los espresados acreedores &.

+ 1847.- Junio 8.- Sta. Ines.

Fr. José J. Jimeno. - al Cor.l Stearinson

Comunica: que en atencion á lo q. tuvo á bien decirle en grata del 1.º del pte., escribia al P.e de Blas para que pasase á S. Gabriel-

á cuidar y q. Administrar á aquella Mision pero en los mismos terminos q. tenian antes las Misiones y no como Admor. Secular, pues q. ellos (los PP.) eran por dro. curadores de los indios.

+ 1847.- Julio 31.- Sta. Barba.
Fr. J. Ma. de Js. Gonzalez Gob.r Episcopal de Ambas Cals. al Gob.r Mason.

Pide se prohiva á las Autoridades civiles, el acto, de unir á los Catolicos en matrimonio, por ser contrario á las leyes de la Yglecia q. representa: hace una larga disertacion fundando su peticion en poderocicimas razones sobre la materia, pidiendo en conclucion, se expida la circular relativa imponiendo las penas que estimase por conveniente en caso de infraccion.

+ 1847. - Marzo 22. - Mont.
Olivier Deleissigues. — al Gob.r

Apresentandole el Tit.o q. el Gob.no Mexicano le extendió, p.a acreditar su propiedad de la "Huerta de San Juan", la q. le habia sido ocupada por las tropas de Americanos del Coronel Fremont.

+ 1848. - Feb.o 16. - S. Juan Obispo.
Fr. José Mig.l Gomez. — al Gob.r Mason.

Recomendandole dé satisfactoria resolucion y despacho á los asuntos q. en su representacion lleba ante el D. Manuel Jimeno relativos á las Misiones de San Luis y S. Miguel, de q. era Ministro.

+ 1848. - Ene.o 6. - Sta. Ynes.
P.dre Jimeno. — al Gob.r +.

Comunica haberse fijado en paraje publico su of. q. prohivio la venta de licor á los Indios.

+ 1847.- Nov. 6.- Sta. Clara.
P.dre Real. — al Gob.r Mason.

Acusa recibo á su nota fha 18 de Oct. ult.o en que se trata de la queja que han elevado á su conocim.to respecto de la Huerta de árboles de S. José q. dicen está padeciendo muchos daños por falta de cuidado.— desmiente tales especies y dice que con respecto del fianza de que se le habla, la considera como ultrage y fuera de las atribuciones del Gob.r el exigírsela por q. dhos. intereses son esclucivam.te de la Ygl.a y p.a la conservacion del culto contra cuyo despojo protestaba de la manera mas solemne.—

+ 1846.- Marzo 25.- Sta Clara.
Gral. J. Castro, — á Fr. J. M.a S. del Real.

(2 Docs.)

1.o — Comunica q. de acuerdo con la Suprema of. de 11 de En.o ult.o q. facultaba á los Comand.tes Grales. para disponer de

todos los recursos con que contasen los Departam.tos respectivos en caso de invasion estrangera, estando este en el espresado caso; le pedia los ancilios con q.e conta se los establecim.to de su Mision para el fin de atender á las urgencias de las fuerzas cuya seccion estaba á su cargo.

Junio 16.

2.a — Trascrive la of.a del Gob.r del Depart.o fha. 10 de Junio, en q.e se recomienda q.e no se escuse por el Ministro de Sta. Clara, los recursos necesarios al Cuartel Gral. de dho. punto, en la inteligencia; que el Gob.r pagaría á dho. establecim.to tan luego como variasen las circunst.s; autorizando á mas al mismo Mtro. para q.e pague las deudas de la espresada Mision y se proporcionase recursos para si, y su Igl.a vendiendo algunas partes de las fincas ó terrenos &. cuyos tit.s estendidos por el R. P. serian respetados por el Gob.r

+ 1847.– Oct. 14.– Mont.
P.e Real – á Gob.r

Remite seis Certificados, marcados respectivam.te firmados por James Al. Forbes, Pablo de la Guerra, José Peña, Ygn.o Alvisu, Joaquin G. Castro y Ant.o M.a Osio, p.a comprovar la residencia de las personas á cuyo fabor fueron espedidos los Tit.s de las Huertas de las Misiones de S. José y Sta. Clara.

+ 1846.– Mayo 4.– Ang.s
Pit. Pio Pico – á D. Matias Moreno.

Autorizan el Tit.o de la Huerta del establecim.to de S. Juan Bautista á fabor de Olivier Deleissegues, segun lo acredita la pte. Copia certificada por W. E. P. Hartnell traductor del Gob.o

+ 1849.- Set. 19.- Mont.
Fr. J. Ma. R. S. del Real. - al Srio. de Gobo.

Acompañandole un escrito y Copia de una Escritura y Libranza para q. se sirva presentarlos al Gobr. pa. su aprovacion; suplicandole se sirva comunicarle el Decreto de la Superioridad cuyo objeto le habia llebado unicamte. á Mont.

+ 1849.- Julio 20.- S. José (+ No. 1.)
Alc.- Ant. Ma. Pico.- á Fr. J. Ma. S. del Real.

Que habiendose presentado en el Juzgo. de su cargo una representacion firmada por varios indigenas de la Mision de Sta. Clara reclamando la devolucion de sus intereses q. sabian se hallaban vendidos por su R.; se veia precisado á cortar toda venta respecto de la dha. Mision hasta ver el poder concedido por el Gob. pa. llebar adelante semejante providencia lo q. hubiese entendido &.

+ 1849.– Julio 23.– Sta. Clara. (copia No. 2.)
Fr. J. Ma. S. del Real. – á Antl. Ma. Pico.

P. Acusa recibo de su nota fha. 21 del Corrte. y en contestacion dice: que estando pacificamte. en posecion de las Misiones de su Cargo, por el Gobo. actual, ante el exclusivamte. era responsable de sus actos; que en el dia q. se presentase en su Juzgo. pa. formar la escritura de venta, tendria el honor de satisfacerle del tit. y drs. q. tenia para vender. &.

+ 1849.– Julio 31.– S. José.
Antl. Ma. Pico. – al Gobr. &.

Remite una representacion hecha por los indigenas de Sta. Clara contra las venta de dhas. Misiones por el S. Pdre. Real adjuntando Copia de comunicaciones q. han pasado entre el y dho. Ministro, marcados bajo el No. 1 2 3 y 4; – que el referido S. Pdre. tratabo de realizar lo q. pudiese pa. retirarse pa. Mejico; y que la–

misma operacion sabía había hecho el Padre misionero de S. Juan con las Misiones de Sta. Cruz, lo q. le participaba á fin de q. se les estorvase sus miras ambiciosas &.

+ 1849. Julio 23. - S. José. (Copia No. 3.)
Ant. Ma. Pico - al Pdre Real.

Prohibiendole terminantem.te cualquier contrato de venta, relativa á los bienes de las Misiones de San José y Sta. Clara &. en consecuencia de parecerle no haber comprendido la nota oficial q. en 21 del corriente le dirijió sobre el asunto.

+ 1849. Julio 23. - Sta. Clara.
Pdre Real. - á Ant. Ma. Pico.

Comunica que impuesto y bien entendido de sus notas fhas. 25 y 21 del corriente le acusaba el recibo en prueva de haber entendido el verdadero sentido de ambas.

0. 1847. - Oct. 14. - Mont.
Fr. J. Mª. S. del Real. - al Gobr. &.

Comunicacion con que acompañó los seis certificados firmados succivamte. por Forbes, J. de la Guerra &. &. relativos á la venta de Misiones.

Exmo. Sr. = Tengo el honor de acompañar á V. E. los adjuntos certificados marcados con los Numeros 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, y 6 que le suplico se digne mandar, sean agregados al Espediente relativo á las nulidades que tienen los Titl. espedidos á fabor de las Huertas de las Misiones de S. José y Sta. Clara q. son á mi Cargo: manifestandole á la vez á V. E. que daré otros mas q. justifiquen mas y mas hasta la evidencia la mala fé y embuste con que fueron dados los citados titulos de que yá tengo hecho á V. E. referencia en mis antes. representaciones sobre este Asunto.

+ 1849 - July 23rd - Sta. Clara
W. Campbell + Jas. Alex. Forbes Esq. - to Gov. Riley.

Representation that say: it has become notoriously public in the Mission of Sta. Clara and its vicinity: that the Missionary Priest of the same, with or without the cooperation of his spiritual superior the Rev. Father Ansar has alienated or conveyed all the landed property of the Missions of San Joseph, Sta. Clara, Sta. Cruz and San John.

+ 1848 - April 4 - Mont. Cal
Thos. O. Larkin. — to Gov. Mason.

Complains that Padre Real takes no care of the Orchard at San José + Asks to be put in possession of it, or that the Padre gives security for its proper preservation.

+ 1848. – Junio 8. – S. Francisco
Jas. A. Haidie. – to Col. R. B. Mason Gov.r &c.

Enclosing list of property at San Rafael.

+ 1847. – Sept. 16. – Mont.
Thomas O. Larkin. – to Gov.r Mason.

Asks to be put in possession of certain property at the Mission of Sta. Clara and San José; enclosing 12 documents relative to his purchasing and ownership of the two Orchards of said Missions.

+ 1847. – Oct 19th Aug.t
Ant.o José Cot – (3 Docs.)

N.o 1. – A full conveyance and sale to D. José Ant.o Pico and José Ant. Cot of the Mission of S. Luis Rey and the "Rancho de Pala" –

in consideration of two Thousand dollars in silver & $437.50 ¢ in grain furnished Government in its emergencies with the sole condition of satisfying the debts the Mission may owe in any kind of produce of the Country at such time as said debts may be presented dated May 18th 1846 - Ang. & signed for Pio Pico. - Deed can be proved to have been made out in Aug. 1846.

- Doct. No. 2. - A Memorial to Com. Stockton setting forth the fact of the above purchase and that he had been forcibly dispossessed by Lieut. Col. Fremont on his way from S. Diego to Los Ang. in Aug. 1846 and claiming to be again put in possession thereof pledging himself to abide by the decision of the proper tribunals as to the validity of title & Remarks. Object evidently the "onus probandi" upon Govt which would have been the result had his request been granted - Date Aug. 22nd 1846 - Sig-

nes — for Ant° Cot.

Doc. N° 3. = Explanatory letter to Col. Stevenson setting forth that the above application had not been attended to by Com. Stockton or Lieut. Gillespie to whom the business was diputed in consequence whereof he should reclaim for damage sustained by arbitrary act of Col. Fremont as to the $ 2437.50 purported to be paid to Gov.t States, that he has no other evidence thereof save what appears from Doct. N° 1. the partial receipts being cancelled thereby.

+ 1846. Junio 8. – Ang.s
Gob.r Pio Pico. – y José Matias Moreno. Srio.

Autorizan el arrendam.to de las fincas de la Mision de Sta Barbara por el termino de nueve años y cantidad de $1200 anuales á fabor de D. Nicolas A. Den y D. Daniel A. Hill.

+ 1847. Oct. 23.- Sta. Ynes.
J. Ma. Covarrubias y J. Carrillo - al Srio. de Gob. +.

Acompañandole para conocimto. del Gobr. copia de la escritura celebrada con el Gobr. Pico en 1846. y cta. de suministraciones hechas á Fr. José Jimeno relativos ambos documentos á la venta de la Mision de Sta. Ynes.

+ 1846.- Junio 15. Angs.
Gobr. Pico y Moreno Srio.

Titulo otorgado á fabor de D. José Ma. Cabarrubias y Joaquin Carrillo por valor de $7000 facilitados al Gobo. para sus apremiantes necesidades &. relativa á la venta de la Mision de Santa Ynes.

\+ 1847. - Feb. 14. - Sta. Barba.
Fr. José Ma. de Jesus Gonzales Rubio &c. al Srio Halleck

Acusa recibo á su carta fha. 23 de Agosto ultº. y de la Circular q. le acompaña del Gob.r relativa al matrimonio, la que ha visto con satisfaccion y dá por ello las gracias, esperando producirá los mejores resultados en la conservacion del orden y tranquilidad publica. - Remite adjunto la escritura de venta otorgada por el Gob.r Pico á favor de Cobarrubias y Carrillo y el Reglamento respectivo pa. el arrendamto. de las Misiones &. marcados con los Nos. 1 y 2.

\+ 1848. - Enº. 29. - Sta. Ynes.
Covarrubias y Carrillo. - al Gob.r Mason.

Comunican haber arreglado cts. con Fr. J. Jimeno en cumplimto. de la of. de S. E. fha. 29 de Nbre. ultº. - y adjuntan la escritura del arrendamto. otorgada por el Gob.r Pico á su favor en 9 de Dbre. de 1845.

1847.- Dbre. 18.- Sta. Barba.
Fr. José Ma. de Js. Gonzalez. - al Gobr. Mason.

Trascribe la Comunicacion q. por conducto del Sria. de Estado Hallek con fha. 14 de Feb. ultmo. en q. le dá las gracias por la Circular relativa á los matrimonios y el asunto relativo al arrendamiento y venta de las Misiones.

+ 1847 = Setiembre 28 = Monterey
J. L. Moerenhout, consul francés, al governador Mason
(Doc.º en francés)
Sobre abusos de estrangeros
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Que remite dos cartas que franceses empleados de Juan Bautista Alvarado, le han dirigido de la mision de Sn. José. Que por ellas se impondrá de hechos graves y verá que su intervencion y el tomar algunas providencias, es necesario para impedir que los estrangeros establecidos en dicha mision se porten á semejantes vias de hechos de las cuales pueden resultar graves desgracias. (Véase los 2 extractos siguientes).

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 25 = Sn. José
P. E. Vigne á J. L. Moerenhout
(Doc.º en francés - Es copia certificada por el Consul francés con fecha 28 de Setiembre 1847)
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Que el 23 del Corriente por la noche

estando vigilando la viña de J. B. Alvarado que administra, vió 3 hombres cortando uva. Que habiendoles dicho que se retiraran, se escaparon corriendo; pero que luego le tiraron un balazo al cual respondio con un tiro de fusil, y despues le volvieron á tirar cinco tiros. Que dichos hombres entraron en la habitacion del llamado George Alen. Que este último con Henrico Smith habian recibido orden del governador de salir de la misión de Sn. José en la cual tubieron licencia de permanecer hasta cosechar sus semillas. Que estas, habiendolo sido ya, influya para que se lleve á cabo la orden del gover.r y salgan los dichos Alen y Smith. (Vease el extracto que precede) —

+ (Sin fecha ni lugar, pero se vé viene de Sn. José)
F. Salleman al cosul frances
(Doc.o en frances – Es copia certificada por el consul frances con fecha 28 de Setiembre 1847).

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Que los estrangeros establecidos en la mision están pillando la propiedad de J. B. Alvarado que administra. Que en la noche del 24 de agosto último Enrique Smith y

otro individuo se robaron de peras dos sacos llenos. Que en la noche del 30 del mismo mes: 11 á 12 hombres acompañados del mismo Smith, se metieron armados en la propiedad, y tube que escaparse para que no le mataran. Que el 12 de Setiembre por la mañana otra vez Smith entró acompañado de uno de sus compañeros, le amenasó con una pistola, robó á su gusto y se fué luego avisandole que volveria con mas gente para robar mas y colgarle á él en un arbol.

Que influya con el governador para evitar semejantes hechos; pues que mientras tendrá que tomar toda clase de medidas para defender su vida y la propriedad que administra. (Vease el extracto que antepresede).

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+ 1848 = Diciembre 22 = Monterrey
Moerenhout al Gor. Mason
(Doc.º en frances)

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Que habiendo nombrado á Etienne Jourdain, agente Consular de la Republica francesa en Yerba Buena, le suplica que permita al mensionado frances el ejercer dicho empleo y que dé parte

de ello á las autoridades de Yerba Buena para que éstas le reconoscan como tal.

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+ 1847 = Mayo 28 = Monterrey

Moerenhout al Govr. de Alta Calif. genl. Kearny

(Doco. en frances)

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Que manda una carta de Olivier residente frances en Monterrey. - Que los derechos que tiene Olivier sobre la viña de la mision de S. Juan, están establecidos por titulos anteriores á la época de la toma de posesion de la California por los Estados Unidos, que son incontestables é iguales á los derechos de los otros propietarios de bienes des misiónes concedidos por los governadores de California en virtud de la ley de secularisacion.

Que la privacion de sus bienes causando á Olivier graves perjuicios, le suplica que dé ordenes para que dichos bienes sean entregados al referido Olivier.

(Vease el extracto siguiente)

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+ 1847 = Mayo 4 = Monterrey
Olivier Deleissigue al Consul frances
(Doc.° en frances)

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Que habiendo mandado al nuevo Gov.r una memoria para reclamar la viña de la ex-mision de S.n Juan Bautista dela cual es propietario y agregado a ella los titulos que le dió el gov.r Pío Pico, le fué respondido con un decreto que le priva de su propiedad que el magistrado de este puerto le habia ya quitado. Que dicha propiedad la obtuvo en pago de cierta cantidad que dió para la tropa de Monterrey por orden del comandante general José Castro. _ Que la tal privacion, causandole grandes perjuicios, le suplica use de su autoridad para intervenir en el hecho. (Vease el extracto que precede)

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+ 1847 = Mayo 28 = Monterrey
Moerenhout al gov.r Kearny
(Doc.o en frances)

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Dice que habiendole el governador pedido una relacion escrita sobre la

reclamacion que hace en favor de Pedro Atillan, le dira: Que el llamado Pierre Artisien, inscrito en la aduana de Monterey bajo el nombre de Pedro Atillan, es frances casado en dicho puerto; que en 1841 era empleado, no como duanero, sino como patron de embarcacion.

Que el 15 de Marzo 1844, estando en ejercicio de sus funciones, fué atácado y horiblement herido por soldados mexicanos. Que por su buena Conducta y circunstancias en que fué herido, el governador Michelltorena de acuerdo con el adm.^r de aduana, resolvio que Atillan persivirìa su sueldo de $25 mensuales durante su enfermedad. Pero que despues habiendo quedado incapaz de trabajar, las mismas autoridades decidieron que su salario de $25 se le continuaria á pagar como pension. Que despues de Michelltorena, el nuevo gov.^r y la nueva adm.^r de aduana continuaron á pagar dicha pension. Que de eso resulta:

1º Que la justicia de esa pension fué reconocida por los dos governadores y por las dos administraciones, la cual fué persivida por Atillan durante 3 años.

2º Que dicha pension no proviniendo de una decision del Gov.^o gen.^l de Mexico no puede Confundirse con las que ese goviarno ha Concedido; que es un cargo particular

de esta aduana,

3° — Que el cambio de gobierno y de admⁿ no pueden sodificar esa pension reconocida que lo fué por autoridades Competentes y despues de haber sido pagada durante 3 años.

Que en consecuencia, espera que dara ordenes para que dicho Atillan siga gozando de la única pension que le hace vivir él y su familia.

+ 1848 = "15/27 Octubre" (Sic) = New Archangel
M. Tebenkoff al Govʳ de California
(Docᵒ en frances)

Que el pueblo de Ross, situado en las costas de New Albion, fué vendido á Sutter del cual procura ahora la compañia obtener el pago. Que dicho negocio fué confiado á Leidesdorff. Que habiendo recibido la noticia de la muerte de éste ultimo, mando al brig "Bayxal", Capⁿ Harder para que este entregue el negocio á los señores Starney Sanian y Cª quienes tienen su agente en S. Francisco.

Que espera que en caso de necesidad preste á dicho Harder proteccion y justicia.

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+ 1847 = Junio 27 = Monterrey
Moerenhout al Gov.r Mason
(Doc.to en frances)

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Manda copia de una queja que recibió del frances Clement Panaud por la cual verá que el alcalde fundadose sobre una falsa acusacion, mandó cerrar el almacen que Panaud tiene en S.n Juan y le despachó á Monterrey Como un criminal.

Que aprovecha de la circunstancia para hablarle de Pedro Richard, armero frances, al cual el oficial Mador reusa de entregar recibo de las armas que le cojió despues de haberle injuriado y maltratado. Que dicho frances es injustamente acusado de haber dado armas al enemigo (no dice que enemigo); pues que él como todo frances, ha estrictamente observado la neutralidad que habia recomendado.

(Sigue agregada á este documento; la traduccion al ingles de la carta que Panaud dirijió al consul frances con fecha

Monterey 16 de Junio 1847 y en la cual se queja dicho Panaud de haber sido pillado, injuriado, maltratado, arrestado, conducido á Monterey como un criminal, juzgado y condenado, bajo la falsa acusacion de haberse robado un Baril de Brandy y dos jarros de fierro.)

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+ (Sin fecha ni lugar)
M. G. Vallejo á R. B. Mason

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Que no le ha mandado las noticias estadisticas que le fueron pedidas por no haber recibido los datos que tiene pedidos y por la dificultad que encuentra en los residentes de ranchos quienes en mayor parte no entienden el idioma Castellano.

Que hay algunos rumores que guerra que promueven los indios al norte 25 leguas de Sonoma.

Que por no poder entenderse con los indios que no hablan su idioma, pide le exoneren de su empleo de Sub-agente de indios, el cual acepto por haber paz con los indios en tiempo del general Kearny.

Que las circunstancias actuales exigen que los blancos no ocupen tierras en la gentilidad hasta que el govierno arregle todo definitivamente.

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 7 = Sonoma
M. G. Vallejo al Gov.r de alta Calif.a

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Que conforme á las instrucciones que le dió para conocer en la causa criminal contra las personas de Armijo, Eggez y Smith, se presentó al fuerte del Cap.n Sutter en el Sacramento el dia 30 – Que el 31 se estableció el Tribunal y se dió copia de la acusacion á los reos, menos á Armijo ausente por estar sumamente malo sin que se pueda transportar al Sacramento. Que el acusador no se presentó. Que Sutter le dijo que un tal Samuel Smith habia venido á representarle como agente de toda la gente de arriba del Sacramento, el cual dijo que unos indios encontraron varios cadaveres insepultos de personas que creen haber sido matadas por Armijo y su partida. Que entonces exijió

la presencia de S. Smith y Sutter le respondió que vivia á 200 millas de distancia arriba del fuerte lomismo que todos los testigos que eran indios salvages, locuales están malos con fiebres. Que en consecuencia aplazó el juicio para el 18 de Octubre proximo. Que Sutter aparece como testigo en primer lugar y toda la gente del Sacramento representada por S. Smith. Que no encontrando imparcialidad para formar el "Jury" cree seria bueno trasladar el juicio á otra juridiccion.

Que por temor de las fiebres, se dirijió á Sonoma donde espéra sus ordenes.

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+ 1849 = Abril 20 = Sub-Agencia india del distr.º de Sacramento
J. A. Sutter, Sub. Ind. Agt. al gen.l P. F. Smith.
(Doc.º en ingles)

Sobre disturbios entre indios y blancos

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Que en el distrito, los disturbios entre los indios y los blancos se están volviendo de una frecuencia alarmante. Que por observasiones particulares que ha hecho en poblaciónes de indios, está inclinado á creer que los indios por ellos mismos no causan disturbios; que

en la mayor parte de semejantes casos, los blancos son los originadores de ellos y los agresores. Que la debilidad y la indefensa condicion de los indios los hace adversarios de poco temor de la fuerza atletica de los montañeses; que solo es con mañas y trampas que los indios pueden luchar. Que cada vez que los indios han cometido alguna crueldad, lo han hecho con el motivo justo de una venganza. Que es conocido que los blancos que trabajan en los alrededores, matan y escalpan á todos los indios que encuentran solos. Que su situacion como agente de indios es impotente y que solo con persuaciones y regalos puede obtener algo. Que últimamente hizo una corta cantidad de regalos á los indios y que si tubiera medios de protejerlos y de castigar á los blancos, podria mantener paz y orden. Que un oficial con un pequeño destacamento seria bueno que permaneciera en los lugares donde se cometen disturbios. Que sin alguna fuerza, constantes disturbios sucederán y ocurriran asesinatos de un lado y masacros de otro.

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+ 1848 = Enero 8 = New Helvetia
J. A. Sutter á R. B. Mason
(Docto. en ingles)

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Que recibió su circular de 21 de diciembre 1847 en la cual le incluyo la proclamacion fechada de Monterrey 29 de Novbre. 1847. Que mandó poner copias de ésta última en los puntos donde se venden licores ó vino.

Que manda una estadistica que hizo de la poblacion del distrito.

Que algunos ciudadanos del distrito le han hecho quejas contra los indios que emplean; que algunos reusan de trabajar y otros matan el ganado. Que sobre ese sugeto le recomienda un articulo publicado en el nuevo diario "California Star" de fecha 11 de diciembre 1847, impreso en Sn. Francisco

Que cree seria bueno dar al Sub-Ind-Agt y al alcalde mas poder para que puedan evitar desordenes.

Que los indios de éste valle son mas industriosos que los de las montañas de Rocky y pienza que dirigiendoles bien se podria hacer de ellos buenos "farmers and mechanics"; que sobre eso le habló al general Kearny que le dijo que presentaria el caso al govierno.

Que en setiembre 1846 fué eligido un alcalde para el termino de un año el cual espiró en setiembre 47; que desde esa época el mismo individuo ha seguido ejerciendo las funciones de alcalde. Que si lo aprueba. Que dicho individuo es recomendable por ser el único capaz de desempeñar ese puesto; que dichō individuo se llama John Sinclair.

Que de la poblacion de blancos que entre hombres, mujeres y niños, asciende én el distrito á 289, como cien viven fuera.

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 3 = Sn Francisco
Jas. A. Hardie á H. W. Halleck
(Docto en ingles)

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Que á pedimento del Capitan Brackett, de Sonoma, le manda una carta del mismo sobre el encarcelamiento de Armijo.

(Vease el extracto siguiente)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 1º = Sonoma
J. E. Brackett á J. A. Hardie
(Docº en ingles)

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Que Antonio M. Armijo, una de las personas acusadas de la muerte de indios en el rio de Sacramento, está en su rancho sumamente enfermo. Que segun M. G. Vallejo, sub agente de indios, no se puede transportar al Sacramento sin peligrosos riesgos para su vida por causa de fatigas de viaje.

Que cuando arrestó á dicho Armijo, éste estaba malo y que habiendosé empeorado, el agente de indios determinó examinar á 4 personas que le acompañaban cuando salió en busca de indios. Que conformes todas en sus interrogatorios, dijeron, que no se habia matado ningun indio, que solo se cojieron 11 prisioneros los cuales se escaparon; que Armijo tenia licencia del alcalde para perseguir á los indios que tenia empleados y que se le habian huido.

Que teniendo Armijo un hijo en el punto de perderlo y su mujer tambien enferma, á instancias de M. G. Vallejo fijó á diez mil pesos la garantia que Armijo se presentaria á responder á la acusacion contra el, cuando se restableciese.

Que obró asi en el Concepto que el Coronel Mason hubiera hecho lomismo si hubiera estado presente.

Que comunique su carta al Col. Mason.

(Vease el extracto que precede)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 2 = Pueblo de Sn. José
J. P. Wilks al Gov.r de Calif.a
(Doc.to en ingles)

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Que los indios están robando caballos mas que nunca; que el 29 último se robaron de la estancia del Capitan Fishers, 110 caballos, 11 en el pueblo, mas 2 bandas formando como 200 caballos. Que á él le han robado los pocos Caballos que tenia, dejandolo arruinado.

Que con dificultad encontró 7 hombres y 12 Caballos en mal estado para ir en busca del Cap.n Fishers que se separó de ellos y que cree estará muerto ó cerca de serlo.

Que espera que le socorra sino quedará Completamente arruinado.

(Vease el extracto Siguiente)

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+ 1847 = Setiembre 2 = (Sin lugar - Se supone es de Sn José)
John Gilroy al Governador
(Doc.º en ingles)

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Que el 29 del pasado los indios robaron todos los Caballos del Capitan Fishers (110), mas 2 bandas en Sta Cruz pertenecientes á John Bernallen, y 40 á Igeros, formando todos como 400 Caballos. Que están sin armas y que no encuentran gente para ir en busca de los mensionados Caballos.

(Vease el extracto que precede)

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+ 1849 = Abril 12 = Mision de Sn. Luis Rey
D. H. Rucker, Br. majr á E. R. S. Conly, asst. adjt. Genl.
(Doc.º en ingles)

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Que informe al Comte. del departamento que el Sub-agente de indios, J. D. Hunter, no está en este lugar ni en su vecindad; que el llamado Williams no es su representate y que no se encuentra otra persona que le represente y en cuyo poder estén papeles ó doc.º publicos — Que un indio le remitió una pequeña pieza de artillería y algunos enseres pertenecientes á la misión.

+ 1847 = Mayo 5 = Abordo del "Columbus", Monterey
James Biddle al Genl Kearny
(Docº en ingles)

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Que manda dos cartas.
(Veanse los 2 extractos siguientes)

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+ 1846 = Diciembre "15/16" (sic) = New Archangel
M. Tebennoff, Gor de las Colos rusas, al Gor de Calif R. F. Stockton
(Doc in ingles)

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Que despues del aniquilamiento del establecimiento de Ross, todo el ganado, tierras y edificios, fueron vendidos á Sutter por la Cantidad de $30.000, de la cual solo ha dado á cuenta $3812.71 cs. Que dicha venta fué hecha con conocimiento del govº mexicano. Que ahora, el gobierno habiendo Cambiado, le pido ayuda y proteccion para que la Compañia rusa-americana no salga perdiendo nada.

(Vease el extracto que precede)

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+ 1847 = Enero 17 = Frigate "Savannah", Sn. Francisco
Wm Mervine, Capn á M. Tebenhoff
(Docº en inglés – Es copia.)

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Que por ausencia de Robert F. Stockton recibió la Comunicacion que mandó con el Capitan Harder del brig "Constantine" relativa á reclamaciones contra Sutter, dela Compañia Rusa-Americana.

Que habiendo tomado informes á cerca del oficial Comte del distrito, supo que el último govr del departamento, J. B. Montgomery, hizo todo lo que la mala organizacion de las leyes le permitia y por lo cual Sutter no puede disponer de nada antes que un tribunal especial haya informado sobre la verdadera situacion de dicho Sutter.

(Vease el extracto que anteprecede).

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+ 1847 = Julio 16 = Sonoma
J. E. Brackett al Govr Mason
(Docº en inglés)

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Que á instancias del general Vallejo le dá parte que los indios de las inmediaciones del lago, han matado ganado

y caballos pertenecientes á Salvador Vallejo, talvez 2 ó 3 por semana durante un año ó mas. Que el ganado matado lo ha sido para comer y los caballos por tribus errantes de indios con motivo de venganza.

Que los indios cercanos de las poblaciones son muy malos y corrompidos; que roban de noche los caballos y los sueltan tan lejos que es imposible que nunca vuelvan.

Que pienza que produceria un buen efecto el arrestar y castigar á todo indio que seria visto á caballo sin un pase de su amo.

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+ 1847 = Junio 29 = Los Angeles
J. D. Stevenson al Gov.r Mason
(Doc.o en ingles)

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Que recibió y le devuelve la carta que J. J. Warner dirijió al general Kearny en 19 de abril 1847. Que sobre la cuestion de agencia de indios le ha escrito una carta que probablemente recibirá pronto.

Que los considerantes de Warner son incontestablemente exactos, pero que no es persona en quien tenga confianza el pueblo de aqui y de Sn. Diego, aunque es persona inteligente y Dotada de una buena esposa y de buenos hijos. Que dicho Warner tiene su casa cerca del "warm springs" sobre el camino del rio colorado.

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+ 1847 = Abril 19 = Sn Diego
H. D. Fitch, alcalde, al Gov.r S. W. Kearny
(Doc.o en ingles)

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Que ha recibido quejas de los habitantes de la poblacion y del distrito contra los salvages. Que dichos habitantes le pidieron licencia de hacer una peticion con el objeto de pedir ayuda y proteccion.

Que por las depredaciones que se estan cometiendo, pronto la gente perderá todo el ganado y caballos que posee.

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+ 1849 = Abril 24 = Sub. In. Agᵗᵉ de Indˢ del distᵒ de Sacramento
J. A. Sutter, Sub. Ind. Agt. al Genˡ P. F. Smith
(Docᵒ en ingles)

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Que los disturbios entre los blancos y los indios se están volviendo mas alarmantes y frecuentes. Que bandas de blancos se están diariamente formando con el objeto de coger y de matar á todo indio que encuentren, inocente ó culpable, pasibles ó turbulentos. Que los indios que residen cerca de su propriedad están en grande alarma y que algunos que han escapado de ser asesinados le han pedido proteccion. Que los blancos que cometen esos disturbios son nuevos venidos principalmente del Oregon; que los de los alrededores tienen una verdadera furia en asesinar indios. Que el grito ahora es: "Exterminate the Indians," "let there be a war of extermination". (Sic)

Que en vista de todo eso vé la necesidad imperiosa que hay de que se mande inmediatamente una fuerza suficiente protectora de los indios.

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0 1847 = Diciembre 20 =

(Sin firma, se supone es de J. A. Sutter)

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Statistics of Population & of the district including the country East of the San Joaquin & Sacramento Rivers. Upper California Dec 20th 1847

Population	Males	Females	Total	Remarks.
Whites	218	71	289	
Tame Indians or "Neofitos"	306	173	479	
Wild Indians or "Gentiles"	11224	10649	21873	
Half breed Indian children	3	7	10	
Sandwich Islanders.	4	1	5	
Negroes.	1	0	1	
Grands Totals	11756	10901	22657	

— Stock —

Cattle	Horses	Mules	Sheep	Hog's
20.000	2.500	70	2.000	1.000

(á la vuelta)

— Mills Buildings &c

Two	Flouring Mills.	Water Power.
Three	do do	Horse Power.
One	Saw Mill.	Water Power.
One	Tannery	
Sixty (60)	Dwelling Houses	
	Fort Sacramento and	out Buildings
No (0)	School Houses	

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+ 1848 = Noviembre 30 = Sonoma
M. G. Vallejo al Governador
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Que varios rancheros de los mas distantes se quejan de depredaciones cometidas por los Indios particularmente en el ganado bacuno y caballar. Que adjunta una carta original que Benjamin Kelsey, avecindando en este punto, recibió de su hermano Andres Kelsey que está en su rancho de la Laguna distante de 60 millas de esta poblacion. Que por ella se impondrá de las quejas y solicitud de A. Kelsey. — Que careciendo de instrucciones

para obrar en casos semejantes, le diga cuales son las facultades anexas á la sub-agencia.

+ 1848 = Noviembre 27 = Clear Lake
Andres Kelsey á Benjamin Kelsey
(Docᵒ en ingles)

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Que le manda dos "Bucaroes" — Que tiene mucho que hacer con el ganado vacuno; que solo ha podido encontrar 100 reses y 23 bueyes. Que al encorralarlo encontró varias reses con flechazos. Que un indio le dice que los indios están matando el ganado — Que vea al agente de indios para hablarle sobre el particular y que le comunique lo que se haya resuelto hacer. Que tambien ha encontrado algunos ganado muerto á una milla de distancia de la casa.

+ 1849 = Mayo 23 = Placer de los Tabualames.
Mariano Pacheco á su padrasto Juan Wilson.
Relacion de su viaje en busca de oro

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Que el viaje hecho por los tulares les fué

fatal. Al llegar á la rancheria de los Nolontos algunos Compañeros anunciaron que alguna Catastofré causarian los indios de la Sierra, punto por donde tenian que dirijirse para buscar oro. Se terminó que algunos Compañeros se adelantarian para inspeccionar la Sierra llamada del Rio de Reyes, para ver si habia oro, y que á los tres dias se reunirian todos en la rancheria de los Guliecbes. Que antes de los tres dias regresaron á consecuencia de haber encontrado un crecido numero de indios llamados Tazogues que los tubieron sitiados algun tiempo sin que ocurriara novedad. Que reunidos todos, determinaron volver á la Sierra, pero que No lo verificaron por haber encontrado un crecido numero de Sonorenos y de Nuevo Mexico que les dijeron que en la Sierra no habia oro. Que entonces determinaron pasar el rio de San Joaquin por haberles dicho un indio Benturcño que en las Mariposas habia gente trabajando y sacando oro. Que ocho leguas solamente les faltaba para llegar á dicho punto cuando Guillermo determino adelantarse con 7 hombres par buscar á la gente que les habian anunciado estar trabajando. Que dicho Guillermo estando á 3 leguas de sus Compañeros con los 7 hombres, pensando encontrar á los trabajadores mas

facilmente internandose en la sierra, asi lo verificó para su mal; pues al dia siguiente, 15 del corriente, llegó á la rancheria de los Chabusiles donde los indios habiendolos visto se reunieron mas de 300. Que los indios los encajonaron y llamaron á Guillermo el cual se acercó confiado que no le harian mal. Pero apenas estuvo cerca le tiraron un jarrazo que le dió en la frente y le partio el craneo. En seguida los indios mataron á los demas compañeros. Que los muertos fueron: Guillermo Garne, Faustino Garcia, Bartolo Olivera, Francisco Archuleta, José Manuel, estos dos de Nuevo Mexico, Francisco Presiado, Sonoreño; José Maria Salazar solamente herido. Que Lorenzo Espinosa, de Nuevo Mexico, salió sin novedad por haberse escondido en una cueva en donde estubo cuatro dias. — Que al conocer la fatal noticia consultaron con Fremon que estaba con ellos acompañado de 50 hombres, sobre el ir á recoger los cadaveres; pero que dicho Fremon, habiendo aconsejado lo contrario por ser inutil el exponerse, desistieron de ello.

Que la vispera llegaron á este placer y que tienen esperanzas de oro. Que ahi se quedan por que en Stanislao no se puede vivir por el varullo que hay.

+ 1847 = Mayo 20 = Pueblo de Sn. José
(38 firmas) al Governador (Docº en inglés)
Petición para que se nombre un agente de indios

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Que creyendo que para conservar el buen orden sería conveniente que hubiera un agente de indios en el río de Sn. Joaquin, proponen que se nombre uno. Que para eso indican á B. K. Thomson por ser persona que ha dado pruebas de habilidad y que vive entre los indios.

+ 1847 = Octubre 26 = Sonoma
J. Lantt á R. B. Mason, Governador de Calª
(Docº en inglés)

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Que si ha proyectado el agregar algun honorario mas para la Sub-Agencia de Indios y que si se lo confiere á él, lo aceptará y hará cuanto le sea posible en interes del servicio.

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+ 1848 = Diciembre 17 = Monterey
T. D. Hunter, Sub. In. Agt. á R. B. Mason, Govr
(Docº en ingles)

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Pide una licencia de seis meses para juntarse con su familia.

+ 1848 = Mayo 30 = Los Angeles
J. D. Stevenson, Commdg Sur. Dist. á R. B. Mason
(Docº en ingles)

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Que recibió su carta donde le dice que el indio Geronimo ha de ser interrogado en los Angeles; que la ofensa de dicho indio habiendo acontecido en el distrito de Sn. Diego, cree que ahi es donde debe hacerse el interrogatorio y que en consecuencia mandó el prisionero á disposicion del alcalde de dicho punto. Dice que para examinarlo en los Angeles se necesitarias hacer gastos de transporte para los testigos de Sn Diego, Sn Luis y de Pala y que no hay en la tesoreria ni un "farthing".

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+ 1847 = Octubre 19 = Los Angeles
J. D. Stevenson á H. W. Halleck, Sec.o of State
(Doc.o en inglés)

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Que no recibió su circular á tiempo para presentarla á las autoridades de este distrito cuando llegó la orden para ello; que tendría, para lograrlo, que mandar un mensajero especial. Que para otra vez mande sus ordenes con tiempo.

+ 1847 = Setiembre 20 = Sonoma
J. E. Brackett, Capt. á R. B. Mason
(Doc.o en inglés)

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Que habiendo encontrado á A. M. Armijo suficientemente restablecido para mudarlo á este punto, lo volvió á meter en la carcel. Que los negocios del rancho del dicho están en una grande confusion y que espera que le dé autoridad para soltarlo bajo una buena garantía para los comisionados para los cuales la causa fué aplazada. Que dicho Armijo es persona altamente estimada de todos y un buen amigo del pais.

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+ 1847 = Mayo 26 = Sonoma

M. G. Vallejo al general S. W. Kearny

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Que no le ha escrito mas antes por haber estado ocupado con las tribus del Norte y de la costa, fuera de este punto, las cuales han cometido depredaciones en los ranchos inmediatos á ellas y se han cometido muy últimamente. Que al llegar aqui mandó correos á las tribus para avisarles que el gov.º deseaba entrar en paz, oir sus quejas, protejerlos y ampararlos razonablemente. Que para esto se acercasen y que les daria pasaportes. Que á los pocos dias llegaron, presentados por el Dr. Bale, ranchero de esta frontera, un capitan de indios con diez hombres, llamado Cucusuy, el cual le entregó de parte del Gefe de la tribu Yocuya los articulos mensionados en la adjunta lista que fueron tomados en accion de guerra.

Que de informaciones que tomó, resulta que los indios se armaron para defender sus mujeres é hijos que les querian quitar de una manera violenta y criminal. Que tomó precauciones para que no se reproduzcan semejantes abusos.

Que el resultado de la entrevista con Cucusuy fué que éste le prometió

volver dentro de un mes con el gefe de la tribu Calnuy para presentarse de paz con su gente. Que en señal de amistad hizo algunos regalos á Cucusuy par él y su gefe.

Que el nombramiento de Boggs como alcalde ha producido una resistencia tenaz de parte del que debia entregarle el puesto. Que ha habido reuniones publicas y que se ha resuelto la reinstalacion de Nash el cual niega que el genl Kearny tenga poder para removerlo. Que un tal Green que se dice abogado, es el que lleva la voz y mueve á su antojo una porcion de gente ignorante y al mismo Nash. Que convendria el poner termino á esas faltas de respeto á la autoridad. Que Boggs le dirá cual es el modo mas aproposito para ello; que él no se lo indica por no chocar abiertamente algunas nuevas personas; pero que si lo cree necesario, hablará.

(Sigue la lista mensionada en este documento en la cual constan los objetos siguientes: 1 rifle — 1 fusil — 1 Sable — 2 sacos de balas — 2 fustes aperados — 2 pares de mochillas — 1 Silla Completa con freno — 1 freno — 5 Caballos = Dicha lista está firma de Vallejo)

+ 1848 = Marzo 11 = Sta Bárbara
Pedro C. Carrillo, 1r alcalde al Governador

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Que José Moraga, como apoderado de su madre Joaquina Alvarado defiende un terreno que está dentro de los límites de la pertenencia de la dicha y que actualmente ocupan los indios conductores con siembras de maiz, trigo y verduras. Que el mensionado apoderado ha presentado docs que acreditan la propiedad y cuyas copias mandará

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+ 1847 = Mayo 4 = Sonoma
M. G. Vallejo á G. Kearny

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Que se ha enterado de la salida de la Compañía destinada á la persecucion de los indios que están cometiendo tantos robos de ganado, de caballos y muertes.

Que Boggs se encargó de la alcaldía aun la resistencia tenaz del que debia sali. Que este último no ha entregado ningun doc° por haber ido á Yerba Buena con el fin de mandar un espress á Washington y obtener la nulificacion de su empleo (del genl Kearny) — Que espera su regreso y que entonces "se entregará, quiza, el archivo" (sic)

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+ 1848 = Mayo 28 = Monterey

Moerenhout, Consul francés al Gov.^r de alta Calif.^a

(Doc.^o en francés)

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Que le manda una reclamación del francés Cambuston que le dirijió de Sn. José Guadalupe. Que dicha reclamación le parece justa por que su decreto de 12 de febrero 1848 no fué publicado en Sn José masque el 18 del mismo mes y que el querer que dicho decreto tenga aplicación en dicho pueblo desde el día de su publicación en Monterey, seria darle un efecto retrospectivo, cosa rechazada en todos los paises civilizados. Que sobre el particular manda:

1.^o Copia del denuncio hecho por los asociados H. Cambuston, Soñol, Chabolla y Sainsevain

2.^o Copia de los pregones.

3 - id de certificados del alcalde del pueblo.

4.^o Copia de la carta de Cambuston del 15 de Mayo 1848.

(Estas 4 copias están certificadas por el consul francés y están en español menos la última que lo está en francés. De ellas resulta que el denuncio en cuestión fué de una mina de azogue situada en San

lomas de San Juan Bautista, a mil varas al Sur de la Casa de Pedro Chabolla y á como 500 del Camino real. — Que el decreto publicado en Monterey el 12 de febrero 1848, sobre que se suspendiesen los denuncios de minas y que los ya posesionados se entendiesen con el govierno de los Estados Unidos, fué publicado en Sn. José el 18 de febrero 1848 — Que el denuncio fué hecho el 13 de febrero. — Que en virtud de dicho decreto se queria anular los derechos de Chabolla y suspenderle los trabajos de la mina. — Los documentos no dicen si la reclamacion surtió ó no efecto.)

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+ 1849 Oct. 27
A. Kennedy Clerk

On this date Wm. Myers was elected at Lassen's Ranch as alcalde for the Upper North California District, Albert G. Toomes and David H. Plemmons being appointed Judges.

+ 1849 May 31. San Francisco
Alcalde T. M. Leavenworth to Captn. Halleck

Notifying the seizure of the Papers and Records of his office.

+ 1849 June 1st San Francisco
J. Haven Notary Public Captn. J. F. Hutton

Testifying the seizure of the Papers of the alcalde's office by the Sheriff (J. C. Pulis) upon an order of a Justice of the Peace

+ 1849 Nov. 23 San José
John T. Richardson Judge of First Instance

Tenders his resignation.

+ 1845 Nov. 25 San Francisco
P. Ord Senr. Judge of Supreme Tribunal

+ 1849 July 4th Benicia
Stephen Cooper alcalde

+ 1849 May 31 San Francisco
Myron Norton Justice Peace to J. C. Pulis Sheriff District San Franco.

Order to take from the alcalde's office the Public Records and documents belonging to said District and deliver them to John A. Patterson Register of said District, and summon Thaddeus M. Leavenworth to appear before him on the first Monday of June next.

Brought forward

George Hyde
Dist. Attorney

John A. Patterson
Clerk of the Justices Court

A true copy
H. Gillingham
Municipal Clerk to Alcalde

+ 1849 Aug. 4 San Diego
Dennis Gahagan to Gov.r Riley

Notifying he is appointed Judge of 1st Instance

+ Without signature or date

About Mariano Bonilla insulting the alcalde of San Luis Obpo and disavowing his authority, stirring up the other inhabitants against him particularly Capt. Wilson, who feels hurt at having the building of the mission taken away from him.

+ 1849 Sep. 3 Santa Cruz
J. L. Mayors Sub-Prefect

+ 1848 Enº 10 San Jose
James W. Weekes Alcalde

+ 1849 Sept. 17th San Francisco
Horace Hawes Prefect to Govr. Riley

Says it is the general wish of the people here that two competent judges learned in the law should be appointed for the court of First Instance to take cognizance of all civil causes.

That the first alcalde is utterly incompetent. Complaints against him are daily made, that he disregards the plainest provisions of law, that he arrogates powers that do not belong to him, that enormous sums of money are extorted in the name of fees, that he violates international law by interfering with the internal discipline of foreign merchant vessels, that he denies the sacred right of appeal in the most important causes, and where

the execution of his sentence would prove the total ruin of the injured party.

+ 1849 Oct 29 San Francisco
Jno W. Geary Judge of First Instance

H. W. Halleck Sec. of the Terry of U. California
John E. Townes High Sheriff of District San Franc.

+ 1849 Oct. 24 Sonoma
Chas. P. Wilkins Prefect for Sonoma District

+ 1849 Jul 17 San Luis Obpo
Migl Avila 1st alcalde to Governt. Sec Y.
(2 Docs)

Informing that some Americans left with Petronilo Rios of Paso de Robles another American wounded with ball and a knife and that the aggressor escaped.

Says Padre Gomez has agreed to name an

arbiter to settle the dispute between him and captⁿ. Wilson, but that the latter will not agree to do so; and requires the alcalde to deliver up the buildings to him which were turned over to the priest - and wishes to know how he is to act.

+ 1849 Nov. 23 San Luis Obispo
Migl. Avila Judge of First Instance to Govnt. Sec.

Accompanies Accounts of the Juzgado and requests the Governor to authorize them, as the Prefect of San Luis is absent and the Subprefect Bonilla who is a personal enemy of his has disapproved them; that he had to send twice one of his own sons with despatches to Govr. (cost $70) and to employ one of his own family as clerk with a salary of $60 And he further requests that Bonilla may be ordered not to meddle directly nor indirectly with him either personally or in his official capacity.

+ 1849 July 19 San Luis Obpo
Alcalde Miguel Avila to Govt. Sec.

Encloses sundry declarations about a pair of mill stones claimed by Padre Gomez, Minister of that mission, and Vicente Feliz a ranchero of the neighbourhood. The alcalde says that his predecessor John Price decided that said millstones should be given to Feliz, but that he is of opinion that they ought to be returned to the priest, and that he awaits the Governor's decision.

+ No date Monterey
Ch. T. Botts to Gov. Riley

Enclosing "resolution" asking for $ 10000 for the Convention required for September.

+ 1849 Sep. 15 Upper Dry Diggins
Fred A. Nash to Gov. Riley

Notifying that last Sunday a few individuals ordered an election and that hundreds of persons

interested in it have had no opportunity of knowing any thing of this election, hence they are not prepared to sanction it.

+ 1849 Oct. 25 Monterey
R. Semple President Convention

+ Lewis Dent
His resignation as Judge of the Supreme Trib. of California was accepted on Nov. 1st 1849.

+ 1849 August 7 San Francisco
Wright & Co to Gov. Riley

Asking permission to issue Gold Coin of the denomination of $10 & $5 They are willing to give bonds to any amount required by the collector of this port, that their coin shall be of equal (if not of more) value than the coin of the U. S. Mint. They want their coin to be receivable in payment of duties. And they say their object is to afford a cir-

culating medium for business purposes in this country.

+ 1849 Aug. 7 San Fran^co
Edw^d H. Harrison Collector

+ 1849 March 24^th Concepcion (Chili)
John Lacourt M.D. to Gov. (Riley) of California

He says he is a native of the Netherlands and considers California as his own country. That having lived long enough among these people he begs to inform his Excellency that the Chilians and the rest of the South Americans are the worst possible race to populate a new country.

A great many expeditions are fitting out from Chili to California. Yesterday sailed the "Carmen" with a number of wild indians (peones) who are sent to California by a Company whose manager is a Scotchman of the name of Mackay. The company is to last three years and the peons are to have a share in the gold they will pick up.

That since Chili has refused to make a treaty of commercial reciprocity with the U. S, it woud not be prudent to enter into any such treaty hereafter: Chili being able to produce a large quantity of flour, biscuit, beer, wines, spirits, timber, etc, not only will be able to undersell the same produce of the U. S. whose vessels are obliged to make a long navigation round Cape Horn before reaching San Francisco, but will also check the progress of agricultural improvements in California, where wages will be high for many years to come.

+ 1848 April 24 San Francisco
John Townsend First Alcalde

+ 1849 Nov. 2 San Francisco
W. B. Almond Judge 1st Instance
Jno E. Townes Sheriff
A. Reynolds Davis Comr. of Streets
Wm. M. Eddy City Surveyor
Rodman M. Price Purser and Navy Agent

+ 1848 Aug. 18 Sta Barba
Francis J. Lippit – Capt. 1st N. Y. Regt Comdgat Sta Barba
Estevan Ardisson – 2d Alcalde

+ 1849 Oct. 31 San Jose
R. M. May 1st alcalde – Transmitting his resignation.

+ 1849 Jul. 27 Presidio of San Francisco
E. D. Keyes capt. 3d arty Comdg Post
A. K. Long Commander U. S. Ship Warren

+ 1849 Agto 26 San Francisco
Rodman M. Price Chn of Committee of Town Council
to Gov. Riley

That the town is ready to accept the loan of $10000 on the conditions offered by him.

\+ 1849 Aug. 2d Mercedes River
A. M. White alcalde

\+ 1849 Oct. 6 San Francisco
J. D. Stevenson to Gov. Riley

He says the city of New York of the Pacific (Cal.) has become the depot for some of the largest class of merchant vessels that have yet arrived from the U. S. and requests that a Harbour Master may be appointed at that place.

\+ 1847 April 10th Los Angeles
R. B. Mason Col. 1 Dragoons U. S. A. to alcaldes José Salazar and Henrique Ayala

Ordering that every ranch send forth one or two good men well mounted with a number of spare horses to unite with the U. S. troops at this place under Lieut. Col. Cooke the military Commandant of this district for the purpose of repelling and destroying the Indians who are now committing such extensive depredations.

+ 1849 Aug. 1st
Chas. P. Wilkins was appointed Prefect of Dist. of Sonoma by Gov. Riley.

+ 1847 Nov. 16 Angeles
J. D. Stevenson Col. Comdg S. M. Dist. to Narciso Botello

Asking information about Jose Arnaz who exhibits a bill of sale for the mission of San Buenaventura executed to him by the late Gov. Pico. That he is also informed the last territorial Assembly passed July 4th and Oct 28th 1845 certain acts authorising the leasing and sale of certain missions.

+ 1847 Nov. 18 Angeles
Stephen C. Foster Gov. Interp.

That Narciso Botello states that he, Botello, and José Arnaz leased in partnership the mission of San Buenaventura for nine years in Dec. 1845, that he withdrew from the concern in June 1846 delivering to said Arnaz all the papers & as Arnaz was wasting the property of said mission and he

could not prevent it. That if Arnaz has any bill of sale of said property it is fraudulent as he had had no means whatever to effect such purchase.

That he Botello was a deputy in the assembly of 1845 and 46, and that during their last session held in October 1846 they discovered certain missions had been sold by Pio Pico. They declared by a formal decree said sales to be null and void, as being made without authority or even the ordinary forms of law.

+ 1848 March 22d Angeles
J. D. Stevenson to Cesareo Lataillade Vice consul of Spain - Sta Barba

That he received his communication requesting a delay in the proceedings he is instituting against José Arnaz for the recovery of the property of the mission San Buenava which has been improperly and unauthorisedly disposed of by him. That under ordinary circumstances he would comply with the request, but not in this instance of evident fraud.

+ 1848 March 22 Angeles
J. D. Stevenson to Gov. Mason

That he required José Arnaz to account for the missing property within ten days; that he has discovered 300 cattle, 75 mares and also a vineyard all of which he has embargoed; that he is still following up the enquiry; that Arnaz has stripped the mission of every particle of movable property, even the cooking utensils have been sent to this section of country where he has concealed or sold them. The priest has not been paid, the Indians are also unpaid and as he is advised the creditors are in a like condition. And that he only requires him to state under oath what disposition he has made of the mission property, and in failing to do so he shall be responsible in person and property.

+ No date Angeles
J. D. Stevenson

Circular requiring all persons who may have in their possession any property of San Buenava, fraudulently disposed of by José Arnaz, to send to these Head Quarters a full inventory of the same

stating how it came in their possession; directing that all such property be held subject only to his order or that of Gov. Mason. Any disregard to this order will subject the offender to imprisonment until the pleasure of Gov. Mason shall be known.

+ 1848 May 4th Cerritos
Isaac Callahan

That he received for safe keeping from J. Temple by authority of Col. Stevenson 48 (mares) animals having the iron and vent of San Buenaventura.

+ 1848 May 15th Angeles
Col. Stevenson to Pedro Carrillo alcalde at Sta Barba

That if the power of appointing an alcalde for the mission of San Buenaventura rest with him, (Carrillo), he will appoint Isaac Callaghan to that office.

+ 1848 May 26 Los Angeles
Col. Stevenson to Pedro Carrillo

That in April last Francisco Ortega, alcalde at San Buenaventura, announced to him that in as much as he received his appointment of alcalde at that mission while it was under the control of Flores, he would not remain if any other person was to have the charge of it; that he has removed him from that office and ordered him to be removed from the mission, appointing Isaac Callaghan in his place; that he regrets to interfere with the civil dept. of his Dist; and that as he (Carrillo) has more than once refused to obey his orders, more especially in the matter of the alcalde of San Buenava; if it is again repeated he will suspend his functions and ask from Gov. Mason his removal from office.

+ 1848 June 5 Sta Barba.
E. Ardisson, Diego Scott, Nics. A. Den, Guillo. G. Dana, Carlos A. Carrillo, José Carrillo, Anastasio Carrillo, J. M. Covarrubias

Certifying that Francisco Ortega is a laborious, active young man, faithful to his word, of fine feelings and good habits and esteemed by every

person on account of his honesty and righteousness.

+ 1848 May 26th Angeles
Col. Stevenson to Francisco Ortega

That he received a declaration under oath in which he denies having renounced his office of alcalde in San Buenaventura; that having sworn falsely, he is ordered to retire from said office and to absent himself from said mission.

+ 1848 May 26 Angeles
Col. Stevenson

Proclamation appointing Isaac Callaghan alcalde of San Buenava.

+ 1848 May 16 Angeles
Stevenson to Ortega

That on account of his threats Mrs Vicente Elville shup ut her tavern, that the punishment

ought to be applied to her husband, for the reason that if she has broken the law, it was to maintain her children; and that the sentence be referred to his approvation.

+ 1848 May 22 Sta Barba
Pedro Carrillo Franco Ortega alcaldes - Raimdo Carrillo Vicente Moraga assd. wits.

Ortega on being questioned, said that Mrs Vicenta Sanchez de Elville sold aguardiente to an indian, on which he (Ortega) ordered her to appear before him which she refused to do, answering that she had been accustomed to fool other authorities of more importance than alcaldes pendejos; that she again made several indians drunk: Deponent then summoned her to appear before his court, that on the third summons she appeared and was fined $100 for having at three different times broken the law of the Governt; afterwards she presented an order from Col. Stevenson in which that sentence is prohibited from being carried into effect.

+ 1848 April 15th San Francisco
John Townsend Alcalde

+ 1848 March 29 San Francisco
George Hyde 1st alcalde

+ 1848 April 19 San Jose
Chs White 1st alcalde

+ 1848 Dec. 12 San José

Kimball H. Dimmick and Dolores Pacheco were elected 1st and 2d alcaldes.

+ 1848 March 20 Santa Cruz
Wm Blackburn alcalde to Gov. Mason

That yielding to the desire of the people within his jurisdiction, ordered the election of a Council

of four to aid him in the administration of its government, being elected J. L. Majors, John Haines, G. W. Serrine and Manuel Rodriguez who request the Govr will instruct them as to the nature and extent of their powers as such councillors.

+ 1848 Dec. 16 San Jose
K. H. Dimmick 1st alcalde to W. T. Sherman A. Genl.

That twelve jurors sentenced Mathew Freer, Wm Campbell and David A Davis to be hung for highway robbery and attempt to murder; the foregoing sentence was approved by him and carried into execution accordingly, the prisoners having confessed on the gallows their guilt and other crimes. And also asking Sherman's approval of the sentence.

+ 1847 March 11 Monterey
John Murphy late lieut. of Pueblo Rangers to Wm A. T. Maddox lieut. U. S. M. Corps

That Francisco Pinto created suspicion of his intention to organize a party (in the late

revolution) for the purpose of joining the forces in the south; that he knows him to be one of their worst enemies, because he knows Pinto to have done all that was in his power against the american cause.



Papeles Sueltos.

+ 1849 Jun. 26 Sta Barba.
Raimdo. Carrillo alcalde

Que le presentaron á Juan Velarde acusado de haber robado $14.000 en la Yerba Buena, que lo aseguró y que declara que él y José Manl. Chariarte estrajeron oro en polvo y sellado de la casa de Mr Grayson y por no aparecer ninguna cita dispuso darle conclusion.

+ 1849 Agto. 13 Tijuana
S. Argüello al Srio de Gobno. en Califa.

Que se le pague el tiempo que sirvió la administracion y capitania del Pto de San Diego á razon de un mil peso al año.

+ 1849 Nov 17 Monterey
D. Spence prefecto al Srio de Estado

Que anuló la eleccion de Ayuntamto. de S. Juan Bauta por insuficiencia de habitantes

+ 1849 Set. 18 Monterey
Abel Stearns, Hugo Reid, Man.l Dominguez diputado á la Convencion de Los Angeles

Que nombran prefecto de Los Ang.s á S. C. Foster y juez de 1.a inst.a á Ag.n Olivera.

+ 1849 Ag.to 7 Sta Barb.a
Raim.o Carrillo al Gob.r

Que en Jul. pp.o llegó á este pto una fragta francesa cuya tripulacion y pasageros entiende eran de distintas naciones, que algunos de estos individuos llegaron á la tienda del Sr. Espac (americano) queriendo atentar contra la persona de este, que él tratando de contenerlos se dirigieron á ofender su persona con pistola en mano, que á no haber ido en un buen caballo seguramte. le habrian muerto; que su único apoyo es el Gobierno, que remedie con su poder estos males pues no solo será su autoridad ilusoria, sino tambien su persona está en peligro pues será sin fruto gobernar con solo la fuerza moral.

+ 1849 Oct. 22 San José
Antº. M. Pico Prefecto al Srio de Gobno

Que á su llegada á esta Capital encontró una diversidad de desórdenes y los mas notables son las faltas que se cometen á las autoridades por la multitud de gente de todas naciones que han llegado a pasar el invierno.

Que necesita 25 fusiles con sus fornituras y municiones correspondientes para armar á los ciudadanos que se ocupan de mantener el orden de este Pueblo.

+ 1849 San Luis Obispo

Cuenta del Juzgado

Entradas en dinero	$ 155.00
Gastos	208.50
Deficit contra el Juzgado.	$ 53.50

De esta cta se ve que la introduccion de un barril de aguardiente causaba un dro de $ 3
Dros de un mes de taberna $ 3

+ Existe entre los papeles sueltos del archivo de los E. U. en la oficina del Agrimensor Genl un cuaderno de correspcia del año 1848 entre Mauricio Castro Gefe Polito de la Baja Califa y Henry M. Naglee Comte de S. José respecto á la entrega de dho Territorio.

1849

+ 1846. Oct. 31. Los Angeles.
Jose Mª Flores, Gobernador y Comte. Militar: Decreto de la Asamblea, sobre ○

La Asamblea Departamental decretó en sesion ordinaria del 30 de Octre. los siguientes articulos con el fin de agenciar un préstamo para gastos de la guerra con los Estados Unidos.

1º Manda anular las ventas de Misiones hechas por el Gob.r Pico y todo lo que hizo al traslimitar sus facultades.

2º Faculta al Gob.r Flores para solicitar un préstamo de dinero en la cantidad que juzgue necesario dando como garantía una ó mas Misiones en hipoteca.

3º Dispone que las Misiones continuarán con el carácter de arrendadas y en poder de los arrendatarios que hayan cumplido con los requisitos prevenidos en el bando de la materia.

4º Dispone que las Misiones que se hallen en el caso del artículo precedente no sufrirán ○

alteracion alguna hasta que concluya el término del arriendo, aun cuando sean de las hipotecadas, y en todas las demas, el Gobierno cuidará de que se cumplan las disposiciones anteriores."

(Firman este decreto de la Asamblea: Francisco Figueroa, como Presidente y Agustin Olvera como Diputado Secretario.

+1847 Mrzo. 22. Mont.

Joaquin de la Torre Capt.^n al Gobernador

Pide que se le mande pagar el valor de 10 caballos que le tomaron del Carmelo una partida de las fuerzas Americanas.

+1849. Junio 12. Angeles.

El Ayuntam.^to al Srio. del Gobierno: Se expone la falta de Agrimensor en Los Angeles.

Participa que en consecuencia de la determinacion del Gobierno Territorial sobre concesion de terrenos municipales de San Diego y Los

Angeles; se acordó por el Ayuntamiento decir al Gobierno que la ciudad carecia de un plano á propósito para aquel objeto y tambien de un agrimensor: que el Gobierno mande se le proporcione este empleado, cuyo sueldo se pagará de los fondos municipales y si estos no alcanzaren se le pagará con terrenos baldios si el Gobierno lo aprobare: que la municipalidad no tiene marcados sus terrenos y pregunta al Gobierno si la práctica que ha observado de conceder terrenos para formar pueblos á razon de 2 leguas por cada punto cardinal, debe seguir ó no.

(Era Presidente del Ayuntamiento de Los Angeles, José del C. Lugo, y Srio. Jesus Guirado.)

+1848. Mayo 5. Sta. Barbara
Juan José (indio) al Gobernador

Pide que se le absuelva de la pena

pecuniaria de $ 50 que le aplicó un Juez por haberse embriagado contraviniendose así un bando que prohibe vender licores á los indios.

Funda su peticion en que para defenderse del castigo de azotes con que le amenazó un policia le fue preciso denunciar al vendedor del vino; pero el Juez no le dió crédito y le condenó á sufrir la multa dicha, que su amo se obligó á pagar por él quedandole por su parte responsable á satisfacerle esta cantidad con un año de trabajo personal.

+ 1848. Agosto 30. San Francisco
J. W. Leavenworth Sec. Alcalde of the Dist. of San Francisco to D. W. W. Haven Admr. of the Estate of Wm. A. Leidesdorff, Deceased.

Requires the exhibition of Inventories and appraisements directed by the Governor (Mason) in the instructions on file in the Alcalde's Office, viz: "to put the Estate into the

hands of competent and safe men who should be required to give Bond & good security in at least double the amount of the estimated value conditional for the proper management, accountability and settlement according to such laws are or may be created touching such matters. Inventories and appraisements of every species of property of the deceased should immediately be made under oath by two competent and respectable persons appointed by your court and deposited in your office.

+ 1848. July 24th. Los Angeles.
J. D. Stevenson, Col. Command. South Military Dist. to Gov. Mason: Alcaldes.

Encloses the resignation of J. B. Charboneau as Alcalde for San Luis Rey and says that he has done his duty to the best of his ability, but being "a half breed Indian of the U. S.

is regarded by the people as favoring the Indians more than he should do, and hence there is much complaint against him."

Stevenson suggests that the expenses of Charboneau's office should be paid from the Civil fund and that the A.A. Qr. Master be authorized to do it. since the Alcaldes serve without pay.

+ 1848. Sta. Bárbara.

Proceso contra Benjamin Foxon acusado de homicidio.

El 11 de Mayo de 1848 se reunieron Pedro Carrillo y Esstevan Ardison nombrados Jueces para formar tribunal especial que juzgue á Julian Foxon acusado de haber matado "voluntaria maliciosa é ilegalmente" á Agustin Dávila el dia 22 de Marzo de 1848 en ó cerca de la Mision de Sta Inés; segun la acusacion hecha por el Gobr. Mason en 5 de Abril. Estando presentes Luis Dent. Fiscal del Tribunal

y T. M. Leavenworth, defensor del acusado se le hizo el cargo de homicidio, y en respuesta dijo que no era culpable.

El testigo Luis Olivares, declaró lo que sigue:

" Salimos un Mártes de Santa Inés para Sta María, (es decir él y Dávila); fuimos á dormir al Rancho de Seca, de ahí salimos y fuimos á sestear al Rancho de Señor Sedum, donde llegamos á las 12 del dia, y antes de llegar dije al difunto que nos iriamos de paso para llegar temprano, á lo que contestó el difunto "nos iremos", y al mismo tiempo que dijo esto preguntó á su muger el difunto que si se irian de paso, y contestó la muger "No: comeremos aquí"; por lo que llegamos todos á la casa y luego que llegamos me dijo el difunto "traiga Vd. aquel costal con bastimento" y luego lo llevé. Cuando llevé el costal el difunto estaba sentado; luego nos pusimos á comer yo y él, y, á poco, llegaron allí mi muger, mi hija y la viuda y acabamos de comer;

luego dije á mi muchachito Juan que fuera á traer agua, que yo daria vuelta por detras de la casa para estarlo mirando; que en ese tiempo me dieron ganas de hacer mis necesidades, y me estaba fajando ya cuando el difunto me llamó y me dijo: "primo, aqui está un gallo y una gallina ayudeme á agarrarlos"; á lo que contesté: —"Primo, yo no tengo ganas de correr, que lo corran los muchachos." —"Me los voy á tomar yo", dijo el difunto, "que al cabo que si Señor Julian quiere se los pagaré, y si no, se los volveré" Luego entónces el difunto tenia en sus manos el gallo y me dió la gallina diciendome: "primo, tómese Vd. esa gallina", la que tomo mi muger de las manos del difunto. Entónces me senté en la puerta de la cocina dandole las espaldas. El difunto se paró enfrente de la casa dando la cara á ella, acompañado de su muger, y Juan mi hijo estaba sobando la cola al gallo que tenia en las manos el difunto Dávila y dijo Juan á éste:

"que bonito es este gallo!"; á lo que contestó el difunto: "sí, es bonito, por eso me lo llevo": yo dije entónces al difunto: "primo, vámonos, que ya es tarde" á lo que contestó el difunto: "vámonos", y yo me quedé sentado haciendo un cigarro. En este tiempo salió este Señor Julian (el acusado) pero yo no lo ví y sí le oí gritar y quedé asustado; en esto oí un tiro, volteé y ví tendido en el suelo al difunto Dávila y á Señor Julian que estaba en el corredor de la casa: entónces miré si veia á mi familia y no la ví; entónces arranqué á buscarla y luego que la ví le grité: "párate ahí, no te vayas": en seguida ví que Señor Julian estaba hablando con Gaspar y que dijo aquel á éste: "me estan robando", á lo que Gaspar contestó: nadie le roba á Vd."; entónces volteó Señor Julian y se fué........"

La testigo Jesus Felix (muger de la víctima) dijo entre otras cosas:

"........... al amarrar Dávila el gallo se arrimó el chiquito de Olivas para alisarle la cola, y estando en esto dijo la muger de Olivas: "vámonos, ya es tarde; y

á una voz todos dijeron entónces "vámonos": en ese tiempo el Señor Julian Foxon que estaba escondido en su casa, abrió la puerta de la cocina y estando parado en su quicio gritó: "¡me estan robando! ¡me estan robando!"; á la voz de Foxon voltée yo y dije á mi marido: "mira donde está Señor Julian"; Dávila se echó á reir y dijo al espresado Foxon: "¿creyó Vd. asustarme?", y levantando con las manos el gallo para enseñarlo continuó diciendole: "ya me iba á llevar el gallo": á ese tiempo Olivas y su muger corrieron habiendo pasado Foxon por delante de ellos se acercó á Dávila saltando como los indios y gritando "me estan robando": entónces Dávila quitandose el sombrero dijo á Foxon: Señor atiendame Vd.; y como yo observé que Foxon no atendia á mi marido, le hablé diciendole: "por Dios, Señor Julian, no nos tire Vd.": Foxon no se contuvo sino que tiró á Dávila con una pistola. En seguida cayó Dávila ......"

Sentencia.

Por decision unánime del Jurado

la corte sentenció á Fox á cuatro años de carcel.

El Jurado fue compuesto por los siguientes:

Pablo de la Guerra. Presidente del Jurado.
Carlos Antonio Carrillo. Jurado.
Anastacio Carrillo "
Raymundo Carrillo "
Tomás W. Robbins. "
Lewis T. Burton "
Daniel Hill "
N. A. Den "
R. Entell "
Franc.º de la Guerra "
I. R. Malo. "
John Todd. "

+ 1848. Junio 12. Mont.

Gregorio de Ysuria al Gob.r Mason: Queja contra el Alcalde Colton.

Esta queja consiste en que Colton se habia negado á atender un reclamo de Ysuria opinando que no tenia competencia á causa de que la persona contra quien se pedia

habiase fugado á Mazatlan, lugar enemigo respecto de Monterey; de cuya resolucion protestó Azuria sosteniendo que el Alcalde tenia jurisdiccion, puesto que estaba mandado por el Gob.o de los EE. Unidos que á los Nacionales Americanos residentes en México se les debia regir segun las leyes del pais (es decir, mexicanas.)

+ 1848. Junio 12. S. Diego.
Bandini al Gob.r Mason: Consulta sobre procedimientos judiciales.
Con carácter de Alcalde 1.o de S.n Diego - pide Bandini al Gob.r que le dé instrucciones sobre la manera de proceder en los casos dudosos diciendole como deben considerarse las facultades de los Jueces auxiliares dentro el territorio de la jurisdiccion del Juzgado de su cargo; porque, dice que "á la verdad, no és fácil... comprender cual sean hoy dia las atribuciones de las diferentes autoridades que contiene este Distrito."

+ 1848. Enº. 28. Sta. Bárbara.

Varios ciudadanos al Gober.dor: Denuncia de una eleccion ilegal de Alcaldes.

Los vecinos que abajo se espresan piden al Gobernador que en consecuencia de haberse elegido por segunda vez otros Alcaldes que los que ya estaban nombrados por el primer Colegio Electoral que se reunió en el tiempo y con los requisitos que la ley señala; y porque al reunirse el Segundo fué con violacion de la ley y por causa de no haber entrado á funcionar los Alcaldes ya nombrados, protestan contra la nulidad de la segunda Eleccion y piden que el Gobernador ponga las autoridades que le parezca en Sta. Bárbara como único remedio de los males que sufren sus habitantes.

(firman esta peticion los siguientes:)

Pedro C. Carrillo = José Carrillo = Lewis T. Burton = José de Jesus Carrillo = N. A. Den. = E. Ardisson = Tomás M. Robbins = Ramon Rodriguez = Tomás Vallé = José Olivera = Emigdio Ortega = Cárlos Rodriguez = Benjamin Foxen = Gerónimo

Ruiz = Juan Rodriguez = Mariano Rodriguez = George Nidever.

+ 1839. Mayo 21. Mont.
Juan José Crisóstomo Majors. á David Spence Juez: Naturalizacion de Ciud.^s Americanos. y diligencias que practicaban para obtenerla en Calif.^a

En el caso de Majors, natural de los Estados Unidos se notan las diligencias siguientes:

1.º Peticion del interesado al Juez de su residencia.

2.º Providencia del Juez ordenando al interesado que presente 3 testigos que declaren sobre ser de la nacion que dice, ser católico; de buena conducta; tener oficio u ocupacion que le produzca mil pesos mensuales.

3.º Declaraciones de tres testigos

4.º Providencia del Juez mandando que pasen las diligencias al Gobernador

5.º Peticion del interesado al Gobernador adjuntandole las diligencias que se practicaron en la

primera.

+ 1849. Abril 23. Mont.
Ignacio Esquer, Alcalde á H. W. Halleck srio. del Gobo: Derechos Municipales.

Avisa que Mr. J. Boston, comerciante, se ha negado á pagar derechos municipales, alegando que es Proveedor de los Estados Unidos y que no sabe si está realmente obligado á pagarlos.

+ 1849. Marzo 14. Mont.
J. J. Moerenhaut, Cónsul Francés, al Gobr. Mason. Bienes de nacionales franceses.

Pide que el Gobernador ordene se le entreguen los objetos y dinero de la pertenencia de un súbdito frances que murió á bordo de un buque Peruano que llegó á San Francisco.

+ 1849. Marzo 8. Sta. Bárb.ª

Raymundo Carrillo, Alcalde á la Comision Inspectora de Elecciones.

Acepta el nombramiento de Alcalde despues de habarse escusado con razones que la Comision calificó de insuficientes para dispensarlo del cargo.

+ 1849 Marzo 26. Sta Bárb.ª

La Comision Inspectora de Elecciones formada por Henry S. Carnes, P. de la Guerra y Cárlos A. Carrillo á Halleck secretario de Estado: Eleccion de Ayuntamiento.

Raymundo Carrillo — Alcalde
Daniel Gil — 1.º Regidor
Octaviano Gutierrez — 2.º id.
Antonio Arellanes — 3.º id.
Antonio Maria de la Guerra — 4.º id.
Cárlos Carrillo — Síndico.

(Se hizo la eleccion el dia 4 de Marzo.)

+ 1849. Mayo 28. S. Luis Obispo.
Miguel Avila, Alcalde á Halleck srio. de Estado: Cárceles.

Avisa que el indio Ildefonso sentenciado á presidio se fugó por no haber cárcel en San Luis.

+ 1849. Abril 18. Mont.
Florencio Serrano, Alcalde al Gobernador.

Avisa que obligado á ausentarse del lugar convocó á los vecinos para que eligieran un Alcalde que le sustituyera y habiendose verificado la eleccion el dia 18 de Abril salió electo Ygnacio Esquer.

+ 1849. Abril 20. Mont.
Ygnacio Esquer, Alcalde

+ 1849. Feb.º 4 S. Juan Baut.ª

La Comision de Elecciones al Gobernador
Queja contra el Juez de Sn Juan Baut.ª

Esta queja consiste en que el Juez José Maria Sanchez se negó á acatar la órden del Gobernador para verificar las elecciones de S. Juan Bautista habiendo hecho que se disolviera la Junta de vecinos que se habia convocado para tal objeto: y añade el quejoso (Lebrija) que fué insultado en union de José Castro y Teófilo E. Echeverria por dicho Alcalde Sanchez hallandose éste muy borracho junto con otros individuos, tambien borrachos, en un lugar por donde pasaban Lebrija y sus compañeros.— En consecuencia manda la Comision al Gobernador las constancias de no haberse verificado las elecciones por causa de lo espuesto.

1849. Marzo 2. S. Luis Obispo.
John. Mich.l Price Alcalde al Gobernador

Avisa que ha sido nombrado Alcalde Miguel Ábila

para sucederle.

+1849 Nov. 30 S. José.

Antonio María Pico, Prefecto al Gobernador.

Despojos de terrenos cometidos por el Alcalde Wait

Dice que varios vecinos han sufrido ataques y aun despojos en sus propiedades (casas y terrenos) á causa de que el ex-Juez Wait formó una liga con el Juez que le sucedió y con otros Ciudadanos Americanos y bajo el nombre de "Junta del Pueblo" hicieron el plano del lugar dividiendo los lotes por manzanas en una estension de mas de una legua cuadrada, cuyas tierras debian ser adjudicadas á los vecinos del pueblo; haciendo lo mismo con sus ejidos.

Wait, en lugar de poner en remate público los terrenos de labranza y los solares, se unió á cuatro ó cinco individuos y se apropió todo dejando al vecindario en la miseria del modo mas escandoloso. Solo las suertes de tierras fueron repartidas á los vecinos.

A la primera junta se siguieron otras dos á las que solo concurrieron 4 ó 5 vecinos del pais (Californios) y el resto Americanos; y el acta se escribió en inglés; pero tanto unos como otros niegan haber dado autorizacion á Wait para hacer la reparticion de tierras.

De esto resulta que el Señor Wait no satisfecho con mas de una multitud de solares que habia en el Plano que primero habia formado, hizo levantar otro, baldio, á su gusto, y dispuso de muchas tierras agenas. El Ayuntamiento ha tratado de remediar los males causados por Wait, pero ha encontrado fuerte oposicion de parte de los consocios de aquel, á lo que se agrega la falta de integridad del Juez de 1ª Instª aliado de los despojadores, "reunion fatal que tiene á la poblacion en el mas completo desórden y que ha convertido el Juzgado Civil en un semillero de desórden".

En conclusion, dice Pico, que ha nombrado á Francisco Arce como

comisionado de la Prefectura para que informe detalladamente al Gobernador de todos los particulares de este asunto.

0 1849. Mayo 28. Sta. Barb.a
Fr. José M.a de J. Gonzalez. Gobernador Episcopal de Ambas Californias al Gobernador

Mas ha de un mes que arribó al Puerto de San Francisco un sugeto que dice llamarse Juan Bautista Brignole, asegurando ser Obispo Legado Apostólico urbis et orbis, y Superior General Reformador de la Religion Católica Secular, Regular y Monástica en la República Mexicana y sus adyacentes; y de facto ha comenzado ya á ejercer su jurisdiccion otorgando por escrito secularizacion á dos Religiosos, los Padres Branchi y Romani, que poco ha han llegado tambien á este pais. Dicho Señor Obispo y Legado Pontificio, se ha presentado sin comitiva, y

con una vestimenta tan extraña á su elevado carácter, que la primera vez que visitó al Padre Ministro de San Francisco fué envuelto en un zarape azul, diciendo le habian robado su equipage; pero aunque así hubiese sido, Exmo. Sor., yo entiendo que un personage de tan alta categoria, nunca camina absolutamente solo, y que en cualquier pais civilizado en que se halle, le es muy fácil el darse á conocer de las Autoridades públicas para recuperar al instante sus efectos robados, ó al menos para que la falta de ellos no redunde en desprecio de su persona y dignidad. ¿ Quien en tal caso, Excelentisimo Señor, emprende viage á país distinto sin reparar primero su desgracia? Mas este Señor ha incurrido en esta torpeza: en Tépic y Mazatlan me dicen no ha sido atendido; aquí mismo ha estado de incógnito muchos dias, é ignoro si tambien á V. E. le ha ocultado su llegada, carácter y objeto, al menos, por lo que respecta á la autoridad Eclesiástica de este

país, aseguro á V.E. que dicho Señor Legado hasta hoy, ni por un simple aviso me ha anunciado su venida siquiera para exigir de mí y el resto del Clero el honor y deferencia que le son debidos. ¿No parece, pues, Exmo. Señor, el ser sospechosa tal conducta? Por tanto, para que no se invierta el órden público entre las Autoridades Eclesiásticas y los católicos residentes en este Territorio del cargo de V.E. encarecidamente le suplico se sirva mandar una exacta informacion de la procedencia y verdadero carácter de este Señor Brignole, y si él con Bulas legítimas ú otros documentos fidedignos acredita el ser Obispo, Legado, Reformador &c.ª, estimaré mucho á V.E. se sirva el participármelo para prevenir al instante á todo el clero y pueblo católico del pais á que le tributen todos los honores, consideracion y obediencia que son debidos á tan alto personaje. Pero si él no acredita su mision como es debido, ó de la informacion mandada hacer por V.E. resulta que este indi-

individuo es algun fatuo ó impostor, en el primer caso será muy útil lo mande recojer V.E. para que no moleste ni perjudique á nadie con su rara locura. En el segundo caso, esto es, si fuere algun impostor, entiendo de la rectitud de V.E. que no solo lo reprimirá, sino aun mandará castigarlo y expelerlo del país, para que no perturbe el órden público.

+ 1849. Agto 31. - San Francisco.
Cárlos Varea, Cónsul Peruano, al Gobernador

Avisa que el Gobierno Peruano ha dispuesto que le suceda en el Consulado el Vice-Cónsul Peruano Guillermo Gobinet.
(El mismo Cónsul Varea notició al Gobernador que marcharía el 1.º de Octbre y con este motivo dice: "Al partir nada tengo que recordar disgustante y plegue á Dios que la Alta California sea muy breve lo que debe á la sombra de la Gran Nacion que la posee.")

1849. Agto. 4. S. Diego
Bandini al Gobr Riley : Renuncia.

Se excusa de aceptar el nombramiento de Juez de la Suprema Corte, diciendo que está imposibilitado y que siente mucho haber aparecido como candidato del Sr. E. Kirby Chamberlain, lo que habria evitado gustoso si hubiera podido conseguirlo.

+ 1849. Oct. 24. Sta. Barb.a
J. Carrillo, Prefecto del Distrito al Srio. del Gobno
Defensor multado.
Participa que se ha mandado multar á Antonio porque se negó á aceptar el cargo de defensor de un reo alegando incapacidad; y consulta si estuvo bien aplicada la multa y si el cargo de defensor es de los que se llaman consejiles.

+ 1849. Nov. 5. Sta. Barb.a
Padre Gonzalez, Gobr Episcopal al Srio. Halleck : Celebracion del "Thanksgiving Day"

Contesta que cumplirá lo que Dispone el Gobernador en la órden de Octbre 24 ppdo. sobre la solemnidad de Gracias al Todopoderoso y para su mejor cumplimiento dice que ha dirijido una Circular á todos los Sacerdotes Católicos para que solemnicen ese dia, procurando que en el año siguiente se haga uniforme celebracion en todas las Yglesias del Estado.

+1849 Julio 1º Mont.
José Castro al Gobernador.

Informa al Gobierno que su intencion es permanecer en California con el carácter de simple ciudadano Mexicano, manifestacion que, dice, habia hecho ya 3 ó 4 meses antes al Gobr. Mason por conducto de W. E. P. Hartnell, Traductor del Gobierno.

+ 1849. Julio 7. Sta. Bárb.ª

Pablo de la Guerra al Gob.r Riley: Acta Popular relativa á límites y Delegados de Sta. Bárb.ª

Envia una acta en que el Pueblo resolvió hacer ciertas observaciones á los puntos contenidos en la Proclama del Gob.r Riley de 3 de Junio (1849) sobre plan del gobierno civil del pais &c &. _ que debe establecerse _ Una de las observaciones hechas por el Pueblo de Sta Bárb.ª se reduce á calificar de inconveniente el nuevo señalamiento de límites de los distritos de California por el que una gran parte de los habitantes de Sta Bárbara se separarán de su poblacion p.ª unirse á Los Angeles y á S. Luis Obispo con detrimento de sus intereses: y pide el Pueblo al Gobern.r que en obvio de males mande que los límites de Sta Bárbara por la parte Meridional sean los mismos que señaló la Asamblea Departm.l en 1845. Otra observacion consiste en que á Sta. Bárbara no se le ha dado la representacion que merece en la Convencion; pues mientras q.e á otros Distritos de menos poblacion se les ha asignado 4 ó 5 delegados al de Sta Bárbara so-

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lo 2 le han tocado; y aunque el Gobierno dispuso el nombramiento de Supernumerarios ó Suplentes en caso de que el Distrito los pidiera, como la admicion de éstos depende de la misma Convencion, resulta que ella puede tambien no admitirlos, y de consiguiente los nombrados no concurririan por temor de ser desairados, y su falta en la Convencion seria de todos modos perjudicial á los intereses del pueblo.

(Esta acta la firman Pablo de la Guerra como Presidente y los Secretarios Antonio Maria de la Guerra y Raymundo Carrillo.)

+ 1848. Marzo 31. Sta Barbᵃ

Vicente Moraga, Escribiente del Juzgado: Pasquin.

Declara haber descubierto un pasquin fijado sobre un pilar del corredor donde se halla la oficina del Juzgado: en la mañana del dia 31 de Marzo á tiempo de ir á sus quehaceres de escribiente. Dice que recogió el pasquin de donde

estaba y lo guardó para entregarlo al Juez 1º Pedro Carrillo contra quien, (se supone) fue escrito. En el pasquin se dice que "la fuerza brutal reemplaza la justicia en California" y que el solo dicho de un indio basta para condenar á los vendedores de aguardiente á que paguen una fuerte multa ó sufran de 3 hasta 6 meses de prision; que el pueblo no ejerce el derecho de nombrar sus Alcaldes y que el Gobierno se lo reserva, por lo que "tan viles son los que admiten estos nombramientos como déspota el que los dirige."—

+1846. En.º 21. Angeles.
Gob.r Pico á l Tesorero Depart.l: Compra de una casa p.a uso del Gob.o

Manda pagar $ 4.656 — resto de $ 5.000 en que se compró la casa de Antonio M.a Lugo para uso del Gobierno.

+ 1848. Abril Sta. Barb.ª

José Carrillo al Gobernador:

Se queja de que el Alcalde Pablo de la Guerra lo puso preso por haberse negado él (Carrillo) á reconocerle con autoridad legal para seguir de Alcalde por segundo término, alegando que aunque por consentimiento de algunos vecinos seguia funcionando, ninguna ley habia que autorizase su eleccion.

+ 1847. Octbre. 14. Sn Juan Capistº.

Fr. Vicente P. Oliva al Comte. Militar de Angeles

Queja contra el Capitan de Sn Diego.

Se queja de que por orden del Capitan de Sn Diego se ha mandado quitar la teja de las habitaciones de la Mision de Sn Diego y se han llevado al Presidio otros objetos que deben respetarse como cosas sagradas. Por lo que pide se prohiba al Capitan disponga de ellos.

+ 1846. Julio 24. Angeles.
Pico, Gobernador, á Fr. Pascual Oliva Ministro de la Mis.n S. Diego

Ordena que entregue la Mision y todas sus pertenencias á Sant.o Argüello, mediante inventario que mandará ya firmado al Gobierno.

+ 1847. Abril 26. S.n Juan Capist.o
Fr. Vicente Pascual Oliva á José Antonio Estudillo: Administracion de la Mis.n S. Diego

Nombra á Estudillo Administrador de la Mision de S.n Diego para que cuide de ella durante la ausencia del Padre.

+ 1845. Dic. 6. Los Angeles.
Gob.r Pico: Venta de Misiones

En 6 de Dic. dió título de venta á Juan Foster y Santiago Mackinly por compra que estos hicieron de la parte del

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edificio principal de la Mis.n de S.n Juan Capistrano y 3 huertas y muebles de ella pagando á plazo $ 710 en moneda, cueros y sebos.

+ 1848. Set. 10. Sta. Inés.
Fr. José Joaquin Jimeno, Padre Comisario Prefecto de Misiones al Gobernador: Misiones.

Consulta la manera en que debe recibir los bienes de la Mis.n de S. Diego que mandó el Gobernador se le entregasen.
Ademas le anuncia que tendrá que hacerle una visita en union del Gobernador de la Mitra (el Padre Gonzalez) para conferenciar sobre asuntos de las Misiones.

+ 1848. Marzo 14. Sta. Barb.a
Cesáreo Lataillade Vice-Cónsul de España en Monterey al Gob.r Mason: Cónsules.

Avisa que ha encargado del despacho de su oficina al Cónsul Francés por te-

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ner que ausentarse al interior de México.

+ 1848. May. 23. Mont.
Lataillade, Vice-Cónsul Español al Gob.r Mason
Consulado Español

Avisa que ha suspendido su viage á México y que por esto seguirá funcionando en su empleo.

+ 1848. Abril 22. Mazatlan, (México)
Gen. Juan Pablo Anaya - Gefe de la Division de Occidente de la Repúb. Mex.a al Com.te General Mexic.o de California. Armisticio

Avisa que el 29 de Febrero se firmó un armisticio por el Gob.o Mexic.o y el Ministro Americano cuya copia le remite y le ordena que cumpliendo con lo mandado en el Art.o 1.o disponga que, tanto en los puntos ocupados por el ejercito americano desde 5 de Marzo como en los que no lo esten, se proceda á elegir

las autoridades que deben gobernar al Territorio como parte de la Confederacion Mexicano.

Dice que no debe estrañarse que él le escriba desde Mazattan, lugar ocupado por el enemigo, porque le ha sido preciso tener unas conferencias con el Comodoro de las Fuerzas Navales á invitacion suya sobre dich armisticio.

o 1848. Feb.º 9. Buenavista.

José Castro al Gob.r Mason. Vindicacion de Castro, acusado de revolucionario.

Supongo que á la fecha habrá V.S. recibido mi comunicacion datada en San Luis Obispo, relativa á poner en conocimiento de V.S. mi llegada á ese punto. Hoy ha sido en mi poder la carta de V.S. fecha 7 del presente en que me manifiesta los informes, que se le han dado con respecto á una revolucion en la que estoy ingerido.

Podrá ser muy bien que lo dilatado de mi marcha

haya dado lugar á los enemigos de mi reputacion á detractarme de aquella manera; pero me permitirá V.S. decirle con franqueza, que todo es una impostura atroz que mañana tendré la satisfaccion de desvanecer en presencia de V.S. y de dar testimonios á las autoridades que hoy rigen el Departamento, de la sana intencion de mi regreso, así como de la gratitud que me merecen por las bondades que han prodigado á mi persona; asegurando á V.S. que siempre contribuiré en cuanto esté á mi alcance á mantener la paz y tranquilidad de este pais en qui vi la luz primera y que amo como el primero de sus hijos.

Los impostores no serán jamas capaces de nivelarse en sentimientos con el que tiene el honor de repetirse de V.S. su sincero amigo y servidor.

&c. &c.

+ 1848. Abril 13. Puerto de La Paz (Méx.º)

Informacion sumaria mandada formar por el Ten.te Coronel de Voluntarios de N. York Henry S. Burton para averiguar la conducta del Padre Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez observada en la guerra de la Baja Calif.a

El dia 13 de Abril (1848) ordenó el T.te Cor.l Burton que se examinasen á los testigos Guadalupe Gonzalez, Andres Hipólito y Luz Morales vecinos de Todos Santos y residentes actualmente en La Paz para que declarasen sobre el participio que hubiera tenido tenido el Padre Gabriel Gonzalez en la guerra de Baja California.

El testigo Gonzalez declaró: que al acercarse las fuerza Mexicana á "estos puntos" oyó decir que Fr. Gonzalez habia recibido una carta de Manuel Pineda, (Com.te Principal de Baja Calif.a) en la que le comunicaba su pronta llegada.

El testigo Andrés Hipólito dijo: que siendo él alcalde en Todos Santos en Noviembre de 1847 llegó una partida de tropa Americana; é inmediatamente mandó el Padre un correo al Gefe de la fuerza Mexicana que estaba inmediata

al Pueblo, para decirle que se apresurase á venir á destruir á la fuerza Americana: y que el Padre Gonzalez imaginó entretener á ésta miéntras que llegaba la tropa Mexicana, haciendo que se les robaran sus caballos y con este fin invitó al testigo Hipólito, pero no quiso éste y quedó sin efecto su estratagema. Recurrió entónces el Padre al ardid de rogar al Comandte Americano que no saliera del pueblo hasta el dia siguiente en que podria él acompañarle, ó, á lo ménos que le esperase en su Rancho de San Jacinto. Sin embargo, salió la partida, y el testigo Hipólito temeroso de que el Comandte americano al detenerse en Sn Jacinto fuera sorprendido por la fuerza Mexicana le mandó un correo para advertirle del peligro. Dijo finalmente que el Padre exhortaba constantemente á los vecinos á que tomasen las armas contra las fuerzas americanas diciendoles: "que no era razon que unos estuvieran durmiendo con sus mugeres, miéntras otros estaban peleando por la Patria."

El testigo Morales declaró: que cuando la fuerza Mexicana se aproxi-

maba á Todos Santos llegó un Correo con correspondencia de Pineda para el Padre Gonzalez y D.n José Rosa Moreno: y en consecuencia de esto se reunió el Ayuntamiento y se formó una acta (que firmó el Padre) en que se acordó invitar al Pueblo de S.n José del Cabo para levantar fuerzas que auxiliasen á las de Pineda (que tambien mandaba Matías Moreno) y se mandó el acta con un correo. Yendo éste en camino, llegó á Todos Santos la fuerza Americana, y creyendo los suscritores de la acta que el correo habia sido aprehendido huyeron del pueblo: poco despues volvió el Padre y mandó un correo á Pineda para que este atacara á la fuerza Americana.

Dice que él dió aviso al Doctor de la tropa del robo de caballos que pretendió Padre Gonzalez que se hiciera á los soldados; y él mismo quien, de acuerdo con Andrés Hipólito, fué á advertir al Com.te Americano el peligro que le amenazaba si se detenia su fuerza en S.n Jacinto; pues el Padre, empeñado en hacer que se detuviera en su rancho el Comand.te, habia dado órden al Mayordomo de éste

para que los obsequiara matando una res y destapando un barril de aguardiente.

Hace una rectificacion sobre que la correspondencia que trajo el correo á que se refiere al principio de su declaracion fue dirigida por Matías Moreno y nó por Manuel Pineda

+1847. Rancho Sn Jacinto. (B. Cal.)

Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez á Manuel Pineda, Comte Principal de Baja Cal.:

Nov. 10. Le aconseja que para arreglar debidamente sus operaciones en la campaña contra los Americanos, es preciso que se apoye en la Junta Territorial de manera que el pueblo no culpe directamente al poder Militar de lo gravoso de las contribuciones de guerra que se le impongan.—

Dice que tan luego como supieron la llegada de una fuerza enemiga dispusieron darle aviso (á Pineda) pero debido á haber habido retardo en el correo, pudo escapar de ser destruida.

Nov. 21. Todos Santos. } Congratula á Pineda por la energía que ha opuesto al enemigo extranjero y en el resto de la carta espresa con vehemente entusiasmo el deseo de hacer una guerra tenaz al invasor; recomendadole procure Pineda proveerse de pólvora como de un elemento indispensable.

Nov. 28. San Antonio.

Avisa que ha llegado al Pueblo de San Antonio para unirse á la Junta Territorial que lo ha nombrado asociado de ella misma para ayudarla en sus operaciones. Cree que la Junta no tiene facultades bastantes para dictar medidas enérgicas si no se apoya en la fuerza de las armas. La situacion es crítica; los medios de defensa escasos; hay mucho desaliento, mucho egoismo y poco patriotismo.

Dic. 1º S. Antonio.

Opina que las operaciones de Pineda deben reducirse á mantenerse á la

defensiva provocando al enemigo sin atacarlo en sus cuarteles porque es inútil.

Dic 18. Todos Santos.

Aconseja á Pineda que mantenga á su tropa en movimiento, porque de tenerla acuartelada se le desertarán poco á poco sus soldados, y le resultarán otros inconvenientes consiguientes al fastidio que trae consigo la inaccion &c.

1848. S. Jacinto. (B. Cal.)
Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez á Manuel Pineda
Comte Principal de B. California

Enero 17. Ha sabido con sorpresa que Pineda se halla predispuesto contra él porque diz que se le ha informado que él (el Padre) intenta traicionar á la causa que defienden. Protesta contra tal informe y dice que su conducta es irreprochable

como lo ha probado manifestando en público y á la faz del enemigo sus ideas patrióticas y haciendo de su parte cuanto ha podido para cooperar á la defensa del Territorio invadido

Enº. 21.

Noticia que en La Magdalena hay unos buques franceses y Holandeses cuyos capitanes llevan á mal la guerra hecha por los Estados Unidos: y aconseja á Pineda que le dé un salvo conducto á un individuo que puede mandar él (Gonzalez) para conseguir algunas arrobas de pólvora que comprará á los buques referidos.

Enº. 24.

Queda informado (por carta de Pineda) de haber sido acusado ante la Comandancia Principal de conspirar contra las Armas Mexicanas y la independencia del País y dice que quiere se practique una averiguacion escrupulosa para que se ponga

en claro su conducta y el pueda confundir á sus detractores á su debido tiempo.

0 1848. Feb.º 1.º Todos Santos. (B. Calif.ª)
Fr. Gabriel Gonzalez á Manuel Pineda.

No tomo la pluma para responder á V.d con palabras insultantes, ni menos para indemnizarme con escusas por que si lo hiciera daria á entender que me hallaba en algun modo culpable á tanto como V.d se deja decir contra mi en la que conteste. Estamos en un tiempo que los asuntos públicos no dan lugar para pedir ante un tribunal competente, declaracion de tales acusaciones, pues solo así se ve con claridad lo que se concibe en amaños manejos. La desercion en parte de estos Soldados se sabrá á su tiempo si yo fui el que la causé porque estaba en este pueblo ó si fué fraguada por ellos mismos pronto va V.d á tener el desengaño y entonces me

hará V.d justicia

La sangre derramada el año de 42 por mas que se quiso culparme como Ud. lo hace ahora, tuve y tengo un manifiesto auténtico del Supmo. Gobierno que me disculpó enteramente. El público está bien desengañado en los siniestros manejos que hubo por parte de quien los causó. Yo padecí en mi persona é intereses, por malos intencionados como sucederá siempre que los haya.

Mis cartas que le tengo escrito á V. no estan contradictorias en mi conducta en la presente ocasion. Si tube la imprudencia de manifestar á V. la presente crísis, para que vigilara V. sobre sí, esto llevó la mejor intencion, pero no esperaba de V. tan mal pago.

La respetabilidad de las personas que le han dado denuncio de mi ~~persona~~ conducta en las presentes circunstancias, quisieran que tengan valor para que lo hagan cara á cara y ante V. — Entónces veran ellas para su confucion, cual es la conducta de unos y otros y cuales servicios tienen

prestados á la Patria en la presente guerra.

Por último, creo que para darle á V. una prueba de mis buenas intenciones y no como V. piensa de mí, quiero desterrarme yo mismo del teatro de los enredos, para darle muestras á V.d de mis intenciones pacíficas. Para ello espero que para que V. se aquiete y yo viva retraido de los que me quieren mal me mande un pasaporte ó salvo conducto para Loreto ó Mulegé por si puedo en estos dos puntos embarcarme para Sonora ó p.a algun otro punto en la República.

1848. Febrero 22. New Helvetia.

J. A. Sutter to Gov. Mason. : Indians Lands

Asks the approval of the Governt. for the renting or leasing of certain lands from the Indians of the Yalesumney Tribe

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+ 1848. February 15.th Sacramento.

John. Sinclair, Alcalde Sacramento Dist.
to Gov.r Mason., Indians (depredations)

Repports that the Indians has been committing many depredations in his District. Horses and cattle has been stolen and killed to a large amount and the Indians have become so bold as to kill cattle (tames ones) in open day. Therefore the Alcalde has sent to apprehend some and has tried one of the culprits.

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1847. Stre 17. Santa Ines.
José Mª Covarrubias y J. Carrillo al Srio. del gobº de California.

Que pasarán los documentos del contrato de la Mision y rentas qᵉ han pagado.

1846. Junio 8. Los Angeles.
Pio Pico y José Matias Moreno Srio. Intº

Que D. Juan Manso y D. Andres Pico han tomado en arrendamᵗᵒ por nueve años la mision de San Fernando y los bienes pertenecientes á ella por el pago anual de 1125 del modo siguiente, los 1125 pagados por trimestres vencidos, haciendo tres partes, una pª el Gobº Departamental, otra pª el P. Ministro y otra pª los Neófitos de la Mision.

1849. Julio 7. San Diego.
S. Argüello al Mayor S. P. Heintzelman.

Que manifiesta titulo como

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es de su propiedad la Mision de San Diego con sus terrenos y q.e le fue concedida por servicios prestados al gob.o y en pago de sueldos, q.e si se halla en sus facultades atienda su solicitud y se reconozca su dro. á dha. mision.

+ 1849. 11. Obre. Santa Barbara
J. Carrillo Prefecto al Srio. del Despacho de Gob.o

Que habiendose reclamado por Fr. J. M.a de Jesus Gonzalez la huerta de San Buenaventura se ha mandado poner á su disposicion y algunas piezas p.a su habitacion.

× 1848. Oct.e 4 S.ta Barbara.
Fr. J.e M.a de J.s Gonz.z al Gob.or de Calif.a

Que insultado por el Presbitero D. José M.a Rosales el que hace renuncia de la admon. de la Iglesia de San Buenaventura, y viendo su insubordinacion se remite á Mont. p.a q.e sea

mandado á la República Megicana.

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+ 1844 Sbre. 2 Mont.
Manuel Jimeno á D. Timoteo Morales encargado de San Rafael.

Que el Gob.or ordena q.e sin escusa haga una matanza de ganado p.a pagar en cueros ó sebos á precios corrientes 267 á D. Guill.o Eduardo Hartnell q.e la mision le debe por cuenta de Fr. Lorenzo Quijas.

o 1848. Mzo. 9. Mont.
Los residentes al Gobernador. = Sobre ordenanza de minería.

Los abajo suscritos, residentes y naturales de este departamento: ante V.E. como mas haya lugar en dro. respetuosamente manifiestan: q.e los havitantes del mismo, han visto con sumo pesar el superior decreto q.e V.E. fué servido de mandar publicar, en 12 del pp.do fbro, relativo á la abolicion de las ordenanzas del

importante ramo de mineria universalmte. observadas en la Republica Megicana = Que por las diferentes proclamas de los Sres. Gefes de las fuerzas de los Estados Unidos, emanadas de las beneficas miras q. ha manifestado su gob.º hácia la California, se lisonjeaban sus habitantes, q. las leyes mejicanas q. no militasen contra la pacifica posesion militar de este pais, adquirida por dro. de grra; serian observadas hasta q. por un tratado definitivo de paz entre las dos naciones beligerantes, fuese cedido este departamento, á los Estados Unidos y fuesen establecidas por disposicion del Congreso de este gob.º las leyes q. nos deberán regir. Pero la órden de V.E. del 12 de Fbrô. ppdo. q. ha venido tan repentinamte. á destruir esta grata esperanza ha aniquilado tambien, la brillante perspectiva q. el espiritu minero, q. iba difundiendose en este pais hacia concebir á todos los q. se interesan en la prosperidad y adelanto de Calif.ª q. és incuestionable, q. el importante ramo de la mineria, no puede ser desarrollado sino bajo la salva guardia de las sabias leyes q. dicto la unica potencia del mundo: quien desde luego conoció la poca aptitud de los labradores

y criadores de ganados, pª descubrir y elaborar los minerales: quienes por lo regular no solo carecen de los conocimtos. necesarios, pª este obgeto, sino tambien de los medios con qe. llevar adelante la elaboracion de las minas. Que en cuanto á la lesion enorme, qe. se ha dtho. sufren los rancheros por los descubrimtos. de vetas metálicas en sus terrenos; es un error manifiesto, porqe. no solo son indemnizados del corto pedazo de terreno qe. se les ocupa, segun manda la ordenanza de mineria, sino qe. les resulta un grande aumento de valor á sus propiedades por la procsimidad de las operaciones mineras, las cuales atraen una grande concurrencia de operarios, y causan diseminacion de dinero, por los viveres y demas gastos qe. originan = Que el citado decreto de V.E. ha causado notable perjuicio á los intereses de muchas personas qe. habian erogado crecidos gastos en solicitud de vetas minerales; arreglandose en un todo á las leyes ecsistentes de la materia, sin imaginar qe. estas fuesen repentinamte. abolidas, sin prefijar un término prudente qe. hubiera salvado sus intereses comprometidos. Asi es qe. varias minas han sido registra

das posteriormte. á la fha. en q. fué decretada la abolicion de las leyes de mineria; pero antes sin embargo, de q. este decreto, fuese publicado en la jurisdiccion donde fueron registradas. Siendo esto una causa justa pa. q. su observancia no fuere obligatoria, cuya circunstancia Emo. Sr. ba á involver á muchas familias en todos los trastornos q. trae consigo un pleito = Por tanto á V.E. suplican sus esponentes q. tomando en consideracion todo lo espuesto se digne de mandar suspender la ejecucion del espresado decreto, hasta q. resuelva el Gobo. de los E.V. sobre la materia.

* 1847. Abril 8. Santa Bárbara
Cesareo Lataillade Vice-Consul de España al Gral. V.V. Kearny Gobernador de Califa.

Que desde 1845. S. M. C. tiene un Vice-Cónsul, cuyas funciones desempeña, q. está facultado por el Ministro Plenipotenciario en Mégico pa. tener su despacho en dha. poblacion, q. espera dispondrá q. las autoridades no le pongan embarazo en el desempeño de su destino.

+ 1847. Abril 29. Mont.
Mariano Silva Capⁿ. Artª. al Comᵗᵉ. gral.

Que siendo prisionero de guerra y no permitiendole su avanzada edad dedicarse al trabajo solicita embarque pª. uno de los puertos dela República Megicana.

+ 1847. (sin fcha) Mont.
Rafael Sanchez Alfz. á William B. Shubirck Comod.

Que siendo prisionero de guerra ha hecho dos representaciones solicitando su embarque pª. Mazatlan ó San Blas, que pide su libertad pª. proporcionarse lo necesario pª. ir á su patria, y el documᵗᵒ. q. firmo de quedar prisionero.

× 1848. Fbro. 2 San Luis Obispo
José Castro á R. B. Mason.

Que recibió el pasaporte y se presen-

tó al Comte. militar antes de llegar á los Angeles y qe. continua su viage qe. pronto se verán.